

Robert McClure United Church 2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating the Life, the Ministry & the People of Robert McClure United Church

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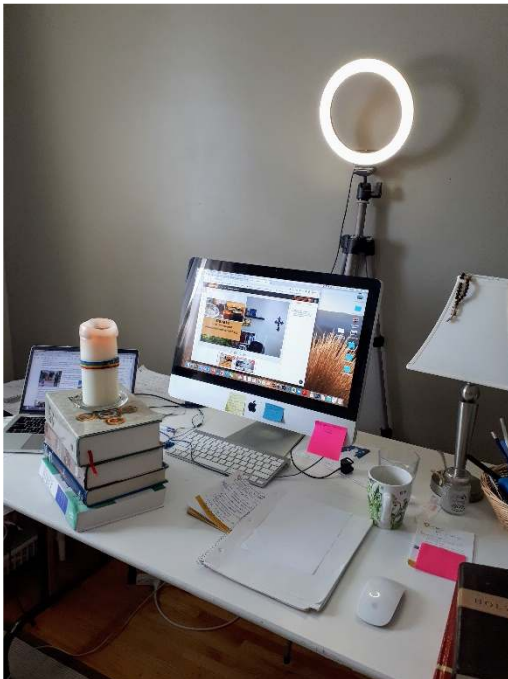
Minister's Report

Well, hello all my fellow hunker-downers, what are y'all doing? This greeting has become the comforting opening words to Leslie Jordan's Instagram videos throughout the pandemic. He has become quite famous on Instagram during this time, but what can I say for my own social media fame? Well, I am no Leslie Jordan. But we are trying to keep the faith, stay connected, pray, and worship together and do what we can while staying safely physically distant. For sure, 2020 is for the record books. I went to Mexico for a little vacation and by the time I got back the church building was closed, no more worshipping, hugging, eating, or gathering together. The world changed quickly in a week.

We started praying together, "Praying through the Pandemic," every day but Mondays starting in March until August. Then in September it went down to Tuesdays and Fridays. Things had changed a little by then and we had started to come out of our homes, go to restaurants and walks in the park. The summer brought some physically distanced visits and socializing.

This congregation has always been a place where creativity is encouraged; we were made to face challenging times. We pivoted. We have learned new technologies. We got creative. We learned Be.liveTV and Zoom. Sunday worship went on-line, as did board and committee meetings. We had brown bag communion, and take-home packages for worship and Wonderkids. A funeral and a wedding were conducted outside in the gazebo. I became some kind of televangelist and Facebook live content creator. Before worship and prayers now I do hair and makeup, lighting, sound, set design, production, and content. They never taught me that in theology school!

Here is the behind-the-scenes look at my home office.





I attended a preaching conference, the Festival of Homiletics, on-line in the spring.



My photo of the pulpit of Knox United Church made the cover and the month of January in the Canadian Church Calendar for 2021.

A heart-felt thanks to the Official Board for their flexibility, faithfulness, and fortitude during this difficult year:

Chair: Lynn Robertson

Secretary: Heather Templeton

Treasurer: Karen Dingwall

Worship: Barb Humphrey

M & P: Karen DeCarle

Chinook Winds Regional Reps: Darlene Montgomery and Barb Lough

Caring Committee: Barb Lough

Affirming Ministry Action Committee: Linda Bossler

UCW Rep: filled by a rotating group of women – Maureen Routley, Jeanette McDonald and Darlene Thompson.

Re-Opening Adhoc Committee: Linda Bossler

And a heart-felt thank you to the congregation for staying connected to one another, for joining me on Facebook live for worship and prayers, for finding ways of doing your ministry and for being flexible and creative in response to a pandemic.

Blessings to all,

Rev Kelly Osgood

Official Board

The Official Board of Robert McClure UC consists of the Chairs of various Committees, plus the Board Chair and Secretary, and the Church Treasurer. As Board Chair, my responsibilities are to prepare the agenda for each meeting, make sure we follow this agenda (to the best of our ability), and also make sure that each needed motion is passed appropriately. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except for July and December. Before the meeting, each member is asked to submit a SNAP (Summary of News And Progress) report to the secretary, who then distributes them to all members. By reading these before the meeting, we save time that can then be spent on other things, such as Check In, a Devotion and a Workshop.

My term as Board Chair started on an interesting note, namely the Covid-19 lockdown. At first, we didn't think we would be meeting in March, as the church was now closed. Then we realized that we did need to figure out the ongoing finances for RMUC, plus what to do about our much-needed Food Pantry, while this soon-to-be-called 'pandemic' was going on. Fortunately, with much online investigating and meetings attended by various Board members, Rev Kelly was able to use Zoom and host an online meeting a week after our normal date. We managed to get things figured out at that meeting and have been keeping busy ever since. Suffice to say, there have been a number of firsts this year. Besides myself as Chair, all the Board meetings have been on Zoom, the Chairs of the Caring and Affirming Committees are now Board members, work done on the church was not complicated by having services held (not exactly great), and, also on the down side, many of our groups have not been able to meet.

In last year's report, former Chair Sam Bossler mentioned some things that the Board were hoping would be done in this year. The bathroom renovations were accomplished, the leaks in the roof were fixed, but our refugee sponsorship is on hold for now, although we still need contributions to the refugee fund. We will have to see what we can do for them in 2021.

I wish to thank the members of the Board for making my first year a good one. The Worship committee has done a wonderful job with our online Sunday Services; Rev Kelly, along with Beth Ann, has encouraged us with her 'Praying through the Pandemic' sessions during the week; and our Food Pantry volunteers and the Caring Committee have been working constantly to help those in need in our community. Everyone on the Board has done their due diligence with respect to their committees even with the restrictions around us.

I hope everyone can continue to follow all the provincial regulations, will continue praying for our church, and, whenever the time comes, meet together once again at Robert McClure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Robertson
Board Chair

Affirming Ministry Action Committee (AMAC)

After the last AGM, the committee members consisted of Darlene and Ken Thompson, Barb Lough, Darlene Montgomery, Louise Omania, Debbie Vanstone and Linda Bossler. During the year, the membership changed slightly with Debbie Vanstone stepping down and Kelcie Tail Feathers joining the committee.

Throughout January and February, committee members met with Small Group Ministries in the church in regards to inclusiveness. Two questions were posed – How are things progressing? How do we spread the word that we are here as an affirming ministry?

The last event (which was also the last worship service) in our church building was the 2020 P.I.E celebration on March 15. AMAC and the Worship Committee worked hard to create a wonderful and memorable event. A big thank you to Louise Omania who shared her personal journey that was very well received by all who attended. Of course, the celebration included opportunity to enjoy eating all kinds of pie! What a huge relief that all the early Covid 19 precautions kept everyone safe.

Because of the Covid situation, the committee did not meet in April. Once online Zoom meetings were figured out for church committees, AMAC resumed monthly meetings in May (taking a summer hiatus for July and August). During those spring months the committee worked on finalizing a Behavioral Covenant for the committee, promoting a letter writing campaign to City Council calling on an affirmative vote to ban Conversion Therapy in Calgary, and keeping the congregation informed of the PRIDE celebrations including sharing the City-Wide PRIDE Worship Service. Darlene Montgomery spearheaded the work on developing an Introduction to the Guidelines for Inclusive Language that the committee is drafting for our congregation.

Throughout the fall and winter months, the committee has focused on the work to develop the inclusive language guidelines. The introduction has been written and we have drafted specific guidelines under Gender Identity/Sexual Orientation and Health – Mental and Physical Abilities. Currently we are tackling guidelines for anti-racism language under the heading Race/Ethnicity/Culture. Our goal is to develop inclusive language guidelines that honours all the diversity named in our Affirming Faith Statement – “celebrating and acknowledging diversity in age, health, race, economic status, ethnicity, beliefs, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation.” Our work is informed by several resources that have been identified and researched by committee members. This is “big” work and our hope is to provide a resource that benefits RMUC and beyond.

The Affirming Network of Faith Communities, Calgary and Area has not had any meetings since the beginning of the pandemic. However, an ad hoc committee has been drafting a document to clearly describe the network and its purpose. Our committee has been kept informed of their work and have had opportunity to provide input.

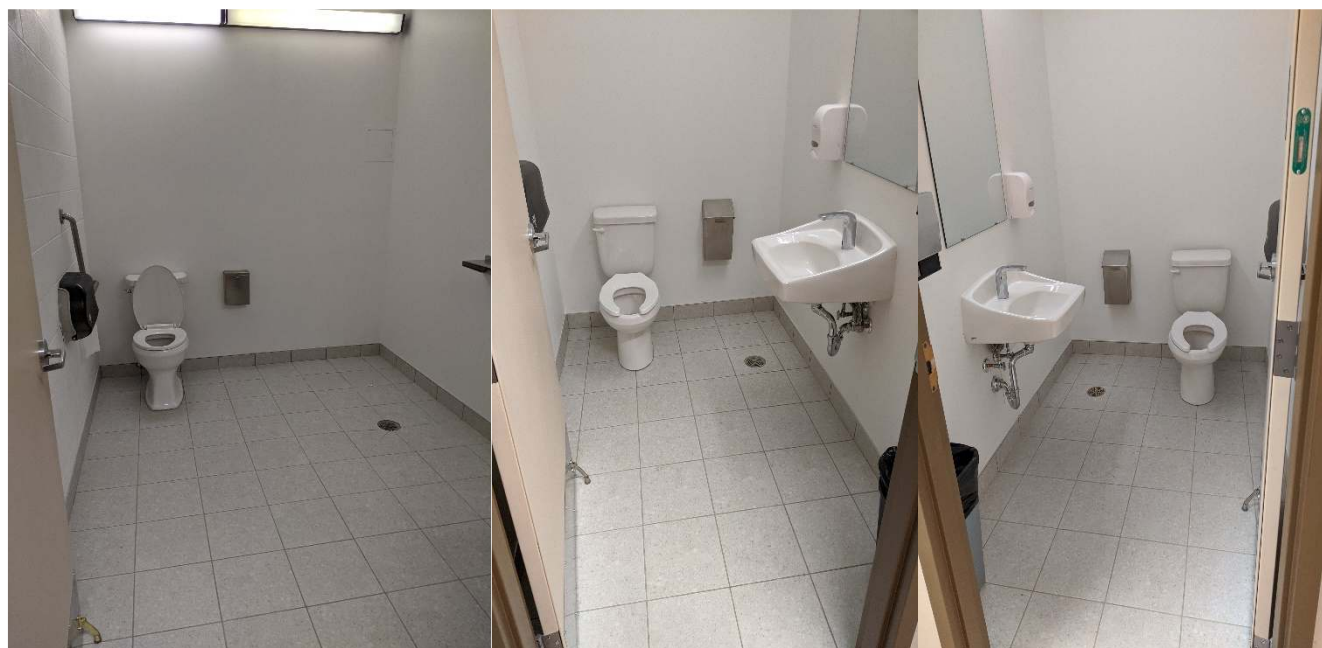
As this report is being written, the committee is preparing a workshop presentation about inclusive and expansive language for the Board. We have also come full circle and are getting ready for another P.I.E. Day celebration on Sunday, March 14!

Respectfully Submitted by Linda Bossler (Chair)

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees had only one meeting in 2020; we met in June to approve the United Church of Canada Pandemic Bridging Loan of \$10,000. \$500 of this loan is forgivable if the balance is paid in a timely manner.

Also, occurring in 2020: the upgrades to the church bathrooms were completed. These renovations were made possible by a generous, anonymous donation of \$50,000 as well as a grant of \$35,000. The total cost of the renovations came to \$79,963.38. We now have three individual bathrooms, one of which is fully accessible. All bathrooms have a no-touch faucet and there is a no-touch paper towel dispenser in the accessible bathroom.



You can see the video compilation that Amanda Shaw put together, chronicling the bathroom renovation here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PLdY1OOYPdBLT8qLm_s0a-pK0uuEGXT_ML&v=HD7E3DBjxIs&feature=emb_title

Submitted by your Trustees:

Barb Humphrey
Wayne Wonnacott

Jack Lough
Robert Bossler

Carolyn Stuber
Craig Wonnacott

Caring Committee

The purpose of the Caring Committee is to provide care and connection with the McClure church family and friends.

There are subgroups under the Caring Committee umbrella, including Bridges of Love, Card Ministry, Food Pantry, Healing Heart, Healing Prayer Chair, Hospital Visiting Ministry, Prayer Chain, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Senior's Socials, and Telephone Ministry.

All of these groups have something in common: their focus is outreach from the heart into the congregation and community.

Members of the Caring Committee Team include Shirley Skulmosky, Donna Pederson, Shirley Dufour, Garth Paynter, Marilyn Shingoose, Maureen Routley, Sharon Smith, and Barb Lough (Coordinator).

Bridges of Love

- In 2020 we became a part of the *Bridges of Love Society* which is a network of local churches that provides an alternate place of emergency preparedness when first responders are over-extended. This includes providing an emergency gathering place in times of disaster should the need arise.

Card Ministry

- In 2020, 26 cards were sent/provided, including get-well, sympathy and support. This compares to 16 cards in 2019. Gratitude was often expressed for being remembered in this way.
- If you know of someone needing this support, please contact the Coordinator.

Food Pantry

- Volunteers with the Food Pantry include Mac Dingwall, Sandy Ert, Marion Hollyoake, Crystal Klein, Justin Meikal, Garth Paynter, Donna Perry, Wendy Smith, Richard Taylor, and Barb Lough (Coordinator).
- Rod and Echo Rogalsky, Alan and Jane Barton, Ron MacRury and Pat Hlady also support the Food Pantry in various ways, but are not on-site on distribution day.
- The Food Pantry is open to clients on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Minister Kelly Osgood provides spiritual care to clients requesting this care during food distribution time.
- We receive donations of food from organizations such as Spinz Around, Leftovers, Cob's Bread in Marda Loop, No Frills in Temple, Country Lane Chicken, and bread from Costco.
- As well, many people support us with gifts of groceries, pasta, beans, canned fruits and vegetables, and plastic shopping bags, for which we are so grateful.
- In 2020 we received a grant from The United Church of Canada, through Chinook Winds Region, in the amount of \$3,000.00. The grant helps cover such expenses as the \$1,200 per year fee to Spinz Around; the weekly rental of a U-Haul van used to pick up food from Spinz; latex gloves, masks, sanitizers, bread bags, produce bags, etc to assist in the operation of the Food Pantry.
- NOTE: In 2019 this small Food Pantry, and its enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers, provided food to about 13,000 people! Due to Covid, in 2020 we fed approximately 9,300. You can see the dramatic effect the pandemic has had on our client numbers, but we're praying the lower numbers are because the financial supports put in place by various levels of government may have been accessed by our clients. Nonetheless, we believe we are experiencing God's grace in action, feeding hungry people.

- The Christmas Eve Manger Gifts were so appreciated by our clients. The Food Pantry Coordinator and Volunteers sincerely thank you. We were able to pack over 50 gift bags for Food Pantry clients with many items, including hats, scarves, mitts, gloves, personal care items, treats and goodies. We're grateful to the UCW for their generous donation that allowed us to add to our collection of items for distribution. Big thanks to Sharon and Donna from the Caring Committee for helping to organize and to hand out the items to the clients. Our clients were very pleased to be recognized in this way. Your generosity helped brighten the day for people depending on us for assistance.
- We were the lucky recipient of 40 stuffed animals from the Calgary Flames organization's *Hitmen Teddy Bear Toss*, and are on the list to receive 100 next year. Thanks to the persistent efforts of Armand Massey who made the request and followed up, and Barb & Gord Humphrey who went to the Saddledome to pick them up. Our littlest clients loved the gift of a bear, or a unicorn, or a zebra, or other sweet stuffies.

Healing Heart

- There is a group of volunteers trained in various healing energy modalities including healing touch, reiki, healing prayer, etc. The plan was to revitalize this ministry for 2020, but of course the pandemic intervened. We anticipate a rejuvenated ministry as soon as we are allowed to be in each other's presence once again.

Healing Prayer Chair

- Prior to pandemic, we provided a healing prayer chair during communion. A script was written for the members doing the praying, just in case they got stuck for words.
- Anyone needing particular and confidential prayer was encouraged to sit in a chair at the back of the sanctuary once they had received communion. They would then be anointed with healing oil if they so chose, and prayer specific to their need would be invoked. Others wanting prayer were asked to maintain confidential distance until their turn in the chair.
- There was good response to this particular ministry, and we anticipate revitalizing it when we are able.

Hospital Visitors

- Six Caring Committee members participated in a training program for hospital visitors, under Alberta Health Services. We were a pilot project for Chinook Winds Region of The United Church of Canada.
- Due to the pandemic, no hospital visiting is taking place beyond designated family members at this time.
- We wait to see how this ministry will happen once the pandemic restrictions end.

Prayer Chain

- Members of this ministry include Margot Aftergood, Maeve Bard, Karen de Carle, Barb Humphrey, Barb Lough, Jeanette MacDonald, Kelly Osgood, Heather Templeton and Donna Pederson (Coordinator).
- The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of 'pray-ers', who pray regularly and faithfully, prayers of concern, gratitude and healing. The prayers include those shared at the online Sunday Worship Service, the online *Praying Through the Pandemic*, and requests that are made directly to Coordinator Donna Pederson, or others in the Prayer Chain Group.

- This group spends time every week, prayerfully and selflessly, sending God's love and energy, to so many individuals. During the course of the past year, we have seen increasing numbers of folks needing and requesting this support.
- It is important to note that any prayers that come through the committee members, (apart from those spoken at Sunday Candle Prayer Time) are kept in strictest confidence. We all recognize the importance of this ministry and the comfort and peace it brings, as is often communicated to us by those we pray for.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

- Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted by a group of knitters and crocheters to be given to a person who is experiencing a troubled time in their life. It is the intent that the maker prays for whoever will receive the shawls as they are creating them. Shawls were chosen because they wrap around a person, like a hug, giving both warmth and comfort.
- Our shawls are also infused with a blessing before being given to the recipient. Gathering together to create shawls is an important time of fellowship with service for those who attend.
- Prior to the onset of the pandemic, on Monday evenings 6 to 8 people gathered in the library to work on prayer shawls. We have provided shawls to many people who say they feel the support and comfort of this particular form of prayer care.
- Carolyn Stuber is the coordinator. Look for a report from her following.

Senior's Socials

- On February 20th, 2020, we held one Social prior to the pandemic shutting us down. We were scheduled to host four or five more during the year.
- That "Heart Social" was attended by 32 people who shared lunch, played games, won prizes, visited, and generally had a great time together.
- We so look forward to being together again.

Telephone Ministry

- Members of the Caring Committee who have been trained in the arts of listening and communicating God's loving care through telephone calling include: Shirley Dufour, Garth Paynter, Donna Pederson, Maureen Routley, Shirley Skulmoski, Jeannie Trach and Barb Lough
- Calls were made to the entire congregation in March, April, May, June, July, October and November. Normally we would call four times a year, but due to pandemic we felt we needed to check in with folk more often, just to hear how things were going for them. People welcomed the callers during those call-outs, expressing appreciation for the contact. As well, some callers made additional calls to people on their lists whom they felt needed extra caring during these strange days.

The focus of the Caring Committee and all groups under this caring umbrella, is nurturing people in body, mind and spirit, connecting them with God and with each other in this diverse, inclusive community.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lough
Caring Committee Coordinator

Financial Report

Here are the financial highlights from 2020:

1) For the month of December we incurred a net surplus of \$4,688.97 compared to our budgeted surplus of \$4,263.27. We ended the year with a net surplus of \$76,557.94 compared to our budget of zero. The surplus for the year was due to \$84,060.57 included in the operating statement for the bathroom renovations.

2) At December 31, 2020 we had \$35,813.42 in the bank made up of \$26,515.44 in designated funds and \$9,297.98 in operating funds. We also had \$5,440.00 in grocery gift cards on hand. By comparison at December 31, 2019 we had \$49,643.41 in the bank made up of \$42,652.09 in designated funds and \$6,991.32 in operating funds. Operating funds increased by \$2,306.66 in 2020.

3) We received \$30,982.17 from the Government of Canada in Emergency Wage Subsidy.

If there are any questions or concerns or you would like more information please let me know by emailing kddingwall@hotmail.com or calling 403-969-2140.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dingwall
Treasurer

*The Financial Records are included near the end of the Annual Report, including the 2021 Budget.

Generosity Group

Our 2020 Giving Program was called “Spirit Blown People”. In spite of not being able to attend worship in person our annual offerings in 2020 were 95% of 2019. This is a testament to the generosity of the congregation even during tough times.

*Matthew 6:19-21, New International Version
Treasures in Heaven*

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

In December we celebrated Christmas with the Heart Connections Christmas Tree and the theme: “Share the Light”. Many of us had to celebrate without seeing those we love. For \$10/ bulb or 3 bulbs for \$25 congregants could purchase a Christmas bulb on the tree that would be

labelled with their loved one's name and added to the string of lights on the tree in front of the church. The Heart Connections Tree was illuminated on Christmas Eve and so many loved ones were shining bright. Truly a tribute to everyone our hearts connected with at Christmas.

Mission and Service (M&S) givings are sent to the national church, to help transform lives and provide healing and hope to people in Canada and around the world. In 2020, Robert McClure United Church congregation donated to the M&S Fund \$3,358.00.

Submitted with gratitude by,

Karen Dingwall
Chair of Generosity

Hearts On Fire Bible Study

It was again another year of self-discovery while learning the words of God. Our goal is to discover how we can use the scriptures to enhance our own lives and take what we have learned to our communities. Of course the difference this year is that we have had to move to a Zoom platform which does affect our sense of closeness, relationship, and of course our sharing a meal together. However we have found ways to work through it. This year we watched a wonderful video that described the Triune God, it was very educational and helped some of us understand the true Triune God.

I look forward to another spiritual year with this group of amazing ladies. Bev Hafeli, Isabelle Templeton, Karen Dingwall, Kelly Osgood, Maureen Routley, Wendy Leckie, and myself.

Heather Templeton

McClure Fellowship of Gardeners

Garden beds may be rented by anyone and we are one of only a few gardens in Calgary with no residency requirements – members simply provide their rental fee and ongoing volunteer hours working on common areas. The garden provides us with opportunities to connect with other gardeners and horticulturalists from our community and beyond. Check our Facebook page, click on story, for a brief history of the garden.

The 2020 season had its ups and downs. Covid -19 changed how we could do things. On the plus side we attracted 10 new gardeners, they brought new ideas and professional expertise to the garden. Unfortunately, the attendees were not available but volunteers stepped up with moving mulch and yard maintenance. There were fewer thefts this year and, although we caught one garden raider, we decided to let him be -- a deer decided our garden was a good home, munched on peas, apples, etc. However, when the school opened in September he decided to move on.

For me, the garden provided some respite from covid, as I think it did for many others. We had another year without bees, and are hoping to find a beekeeper in need of a place for a hive.

The Garden

- 47 garden beds, 2 were removed to make room to access the cherries and reduce crowding, 1 was converted to a rhubarb bed.
- 8 program beds and 3 garden beds used by Aspen (Aspen replaced Parent Link)
- 2 round herb beds.
- 2 large beds, used to grow potatoes, garlic, strawberries and tomatoes. The asparagus did not survive the winter.
- The orchard, which has Saskatoons, cherries, grapes, strawberries, apples, rhubarb, red currants, goji berries and raspberries. The fruit from the orchard is available to both garden and church members. There were very few grapes or Nanking cherries in 2020 but the Evan cherry crop was plentiful. The hard frost in early spring may have been responsible for loss of grapes and Nanking cherries.



Activities:

- In-person AGM was cancelled due to Covid restrictions. The AGM report and the Financial report were shared online.
- We had 29 gardeners, which included 10 new gardeners. Monthly work bees were cancelled; however, we had great cooperation from gardeners when the mulch arrived.
- The perennial bed and the long bed were used to grow potatoes for the Food Pantry. In all, about 100 pounds of potatoes as well as beets, zucchini, beans, onions and tomatoes were donated. Individual members also donated produce to the food pantry.
- Garlic was also planted in part of one of the long beds. The harvest was a bit better than in 2020. Most of garlic was used for fall planting, but a small amount was sold, and we are hoping for further improvement in 2021.
- Until we hear from last year's gardeners we are unsure how many beds will be available in 2021. For information, contact Lorna McKenzie, 403-285-7725, or Joan Liland, 403-852-1108 or email <mcccluregarden@gmail.com>.





Future Plans:

- We will continue try to find a person or group to replace a beehive.
- We are unsure what Covid restrictions will be in place, but at the moment it appears that an in-person Annual General Meeting will not happen.
- Remove bed in front of the apple trees.
- Remove long bed shaded by trees. Not much seems to grow in it.

Donations and Volunteers:

With thanks to the following:

- Poplar Bluff, for the donation of seed potatoes.
- Brent Barr, for his continuing work with the irrigation system.
- Jack Lough for repairing the Aspen beds.
- Garden Members, their families and friends, who volunteer to maintain the garden's common areas.
- Community volunteers.
- Devynne Wonnacott, for maintaining our Facebook page.
- Louise Omania for her work in the garden, even when she doesn't have a garden bed.
- Andrea for identifying our invasive weeds and removing most of them.
- Lorna McKenzie, Barb Lough, Maeve Bard, Abraham Neustater, Lynn Machan-Gorham, and Joan Liland, who served as the Board of Directors for the garden.

Contributions:

Thanks to the many agencies that contribute to the garden's success:

- Robert McClure United Church, for the use of the land, water, power, copying and meeting facilities.
- The Community Garden Resource Network (Calgary Horticultural Society).

Submitted by Joan Liland

Membership and Small Groups

With the pandemic there have been no new membership courses or new small groups. If anyone would like to become a member of Robert McClure United Church or has an idea for a new small group please let me know at h.templeton14@gmail.com

Heather Templeton

Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel committee is comprised of Heather Templeton, Donna Pederson, Pat Bears and Karen DeCarle.

Our purpose is to provide support to our staff, and small group ministry leaders. This support can take on various forms including facilitating communication within and across various ministries, developing plans, policies and procedures which are approved by the RMUC Board, and working with our staff to ensure the work they do is aligned with the Mission and Vision of our local and greater church.

2020 was a challenging year. The risks associated with Covid 19 required significant adaptation by many of our staff and leaders. This included operating in an entirely virtual worship experience for the majority of the year. During times of adversity, congregants look even more to their leaders to maintain a sense of security and stability. In a world where nothing was “normal”, our staff had to learn new technology and software, collaborate in new ways and maintain composure even when things weren’t working as they should!

Regretfully, the absence of in-person worship resulted in the need to suspend our caretaking services for the majority of the year. As a result, it was necessary for our staff and small group leaders and members, such as our Food Pantry team, to step up to ensure the basic cleaning needs were met and to ensure the safety and health of everyone.

I am incredibly proud of how our staff and leaders adapted to change, and invested in their own learning to ensure our church family could stay together even if we couldn’t do so in person. I am also very proud of the M & P team for doing their best to support our staff through these tumultuous times!

Ephesians 4:11-12

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ

Respectfully submitted,
Karen DeCarle
Chairperson, M & P Committee

Music Ministry

It most certainly seems a long time since we have worshipped together in our church building!

Although we all miss gathering together, we as musicians have tried to give a similar experience on Facebook through the site BeLive. The Quarantine Quartet records music, each of us behind a plexiglass screen built by Jack Lough, masked, and physically distanced.

But before Covid arrived, we were blessed to have Heartsong, Noteworthy, and the Band sing and play for worship January through to March 15, 2020. Then at the start of our pivot to online worship I sang and played live with Kelly. Then in June and July Jack played drums with me and then we hired, Amanda Shaw, the videographer, so we could record at the church in advance and have it with video so we can prepare a week in advance and have it live-streamed on Sunday.

We also held service with Kelly and a few singers from the choir at Monterey Seniors Residence at the start of 2020.

I'm still busy planning with Kelly and the Worship Committee, as well as lay worship leaders, who offer to take the service when the minister is away.

We also offer Praying through the Pandemic for spiritual centering during this time of upheaval. I play live with Kelly offering prayers and blessings for members of our faith community. This is every Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 and is live-streamed on FB. At the start of the pandemic, we did this daily but have since gone to twice a week.

We musicians have connected also by phone to see how one another is doing.

I trust that the church family is feeling a sense of belonging and connectedness through our online services. I know it is a highlight of my week!

Thank you to all the musicians for your dedication and commitment to our church through your gifts of music and technology.

Respectfully submitted by
Beth Ann Friesen

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There was very little activity in our group due to Covid 19.

We did meet to knit in January and February and gave out 2 shawls during those months.

Hopefully some of our knitters have kept busy during this down time to do some shawl knitting at home.

Once we are able to meet again, we will resume gathering to knit on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

Thanks to all those who knit these hugs of caring.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Stuber

Refugee Report

Unfortunately, Covid-19 has put a halt on the refugees being able to come to Canada. The government of Canada is focusing on bringing refugees to Canada who already of family in Canada. So they are still waiting for their interviews. Also, any fundraising events will have to be put on hold until we can all get together again. However, please continue to give through the church. Naeem, Fozia, Anika, Micayal, and Anayil would like to thank all of you for your prayers and support and send their blessings.

Heather Templeton

Refugee Committee Chair

Re-Opening Ad Hoc Committee

In September, the RMUC Board decided to set up an ad hoc committee to develop a report outlining the guidelines and protocols needed to successfully re-open the church building. The committee members include Andy Armstrong, Linda Bossler, Karen DeCarle, Barb Humphrey, Barb Lough, Kelly Osgood, Garth Paynter, and Isabelle Templeton. Out of the initial meeting, a decision was made to have a team approach to the leadership of the committee. Andy Armstrong would provide a framework for information gathering, Barb Humphrey would coordinate communications and Linda Bossler would chair the meetings.

The committee's work began by reviewing and adopting a Project Plan, developed by Andy Armstrong, which outlined the steps to take towards achieving a goal to safely and sustainably re-open the church building. Incorporated into the plan was a survey to gage the thoughts, feelings and perspectives of congregational members around re-opening the building. This survey was conducted throughout the month of November with Barb Humphrey providing weekly summaries of the results to the congregation during worship.

After reviewing the re-opening plans of two other churches, the committee decided on a format for presenting our plan and began working through the steps of our project plan. Barb H and Kelly have kept the committee informed around government mandated protocols established by the Alberta Government. They have attended several virtual round-table meetings hosted by Premier Kenney and Dr. Hinshaw. With these protocols in mind, the work of the committee continues with the development of a re-opening plan. Stay tuned.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Bossler (Chair)

Right Relations

The major focus of the Right Relations group for 2020 was the Healing Circle, led by Shirley Dufour. Members of this group are Shirley Dufour, Andrea, Eastham, Debbie Vanstone, Sharon Janzen, Kelcie Tailfeathers, Caryle Barr, & Donna Pederson.

The Healing Circle is held monthly, usually the third Wednesday of the month. From Sept. 2019 to February 2020, we met in the church library. When Covid restrictions came in March of 2020 the group unanimously decided to continue meeting once per month via zoom - March 2020 till present.

Shirley led us in and taught us the process involved in aboriginal healing circles. With her leadership and sharing of her personal story, participants were encouraged to open up & risk sharing parts of their journeys, (sometimes painful parts). Storytelling, tears, laughter, love and support brought us into a safe place for learning, healing, and fellowship.

During each session a topic is chosen & introduced to the group, and questions are presented to reflect upon. Each participant is given an opportunity to respond/share their thoughts and feelings as they relate to their experiences. The use of a talking stick is integral to the key group principles of respect, listening without interruption, non-judgement, and confidentiality.

The following are topics that have been covered to date:

- Grief and Recovery - positive and negative memories from 5 years (as early as can be remembered) till present - short term energy relievers, tools for uncovering memories and discovering tools from within ourselves and from others)
- Aboriginal conflict of living in 2 worlds.
- An Elders view on the 'Trickster' pandemic - preparing wholistically to fight the Trickster.
- Seven Teachings - Ojibway Teachings by Dave Courchene
- Truth and Reconciliation - What it means - How we can practice 'parts' of the 94 Calls to Action in our everyday lives.
- "Where do I fit?/What can I do?" (to be continued)
- The Pandemic - unthankful hearts to grateful hearts. "Gratitude creates our vision for the future".
- Miracles - interpreting and sharing ways God Speaks to our Hearts

- The Christmas Tree - it's meaning - traditions - joy. "Joy is the best make-up. You can take it anywhere cuz it's portable."
- Covid Christmas experiences - hope and practical ways to move forward through this and other difficult times.

Beginning February 2021, the topic will center around: Colonization/Decolonization/our call to 94 Actions of Truth and Reconciliation. This session scheduled for Feb. 17 will center on action #11 - EDUCATION.

All group members have affirmed that they wish to continue zoom meetings until we are able to return to the church building.

Respectfully submitted:

Caryle Barr, Shirley Dufour and Donna Pederson

Tea, Toast and Talk

Robert McClure UC has had the joy of hosting the Pebbles in the Sand group of ladies for over ten years. Sponsored by the Calgary Immigrant Woman's Association (CIWA), it helps immigrant women learn not only how to read and write, but also how to live, in Calgary, Alberta and Canada as a whole.

Tea, Toast and Talk gave us the opportunity to help these ladies out by providing food and conversation. Caryle Barr, Sharon Armstrong, Lynn Robertson and Rev Kelly Osgood came to the church every Wednesday they could, every time there was a class being held. At least we did so up to March 11, 2020. Fortunately, their semesters were very different than regular schools, so it turned out that that Wednesday would be the last meeting for almost a month, and we enjoyed a wonderful Pot Luck Lunch!

By the time the classes were to begin again, the Covid closures had started. Being in touch with the teacher, Afra, we have found that they have continued the classes on Zoom, but we can no longer help, or feed, the ladies. Whether we will be able to do this again in the future is still very much up in the air, but we do hope that a way can be found to continue this wonderful outreach program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Robertson

Wednesday Evening Learning Circle

We experienced a weird year in 2020, as did most people of course. We began the year meeting in person in the McClure library, but when covid came calling the whole church shut down, including all study groups. After a few weeks we realized we could meet through zoom, and Linda and Sam Bossler have hosted zoom gatherings since then.

One other wrinkle happened ... Barb takes her turn at picking up bread from Cob's in Marda Loop on Wednesday evenings, so to accommodate that, we began meeting on Thursdays at 7 pm. So now we're the Wednesday Evening Learning Circle meeting online on Thursdays!



This group is especially geared towards those who want to ask questions about faith and spirituality in a safe and respectful environment. No question is off limits, including God, pain and suffering, literal interpretation of the Bible, and much more. As theologian Dominic Crossan says: "What faith means for me is always asking questions. I'd say the unexamined faith is probably superstition."

And so we journey together, questioning, discovering, appreciating and examining the basis upon which we rest our faith and our personal belief systems.

The main study course in 2020 was *Exploring Faith Questions* from the Living the Questions series, a DVD based study. We learned through watching the dvds, and listening to theologians and teachers such as Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, Minerva Carcano, Dom Crossan, Yvette Flunder, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, Helen Prejean, Tex Sample, John Spong and many others.

We were challenged to Think Theologically, Take the Bible seriously but not literally, and to struggle with questions of evil and suffering. We were encouraged to present our faith to our world by opening our hearts with compassion and passion.

We will continue with zoom gatherings until the covid restrictions are lifted. You are most welcome to journey with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Lough, Facilitator
Wednesday Evening Learning Circle
(Meeting on Thursday evenings via zoom)

UCW

(also known as United Church Women)

Whoever you are, just as you are, you are welcome. We usually study, pray and encourage each other and support local and global charities through activities. We also usually hold Side Door Gatherings in the library about once a month.

In 2020 we still had some pies left over from the Snowflake Christmas Market in November 2019. But even throughout the COVID-19 pandemic people enjoyed eating pie. We sold the last of our pies to J's Wok N Grill in the Road King Truck Stop which is owned by some of our congregational members.

UCW hosted an "UnTea" which is a tea bag, a napkin, a thought for friends and goodies. Because we are usually so busy, we asked that you pop your tea bag into your own teapot, find yourself a comfortable spot, read a book, enjoy a restful, joyful moment, and enjoy the goodies and the special time – an "unTea." If you are able we ask that you make a donation to UCW to be able to support our charities. In retrospect of the pandemic this probably was the best way to hold a tea. Little did we know that we were teaching ourselves how to live within a lockdown society.

During the year we had one zoom meeting. We did some planning, but honestly it really was a time held because people were missing each other.

The highlight of the year was our UCW Candlelight Service and Christmas Party on Zoom. We first had our Candlelight service with the advent candles and even ending with Silent Night lighting our own candles.

At the party, we revealed our Sunshine Friends, played the dice game (with a new spin), dressed Christmassy with hats and reindeer ears (you can only see shoulders and heads on Zoom). Special package deliveries were made to each person that joined in the party. The packages included a candle, baked goodies, mandarin orange, nuts, dried fruit, candy cane, chocolates, napkin, special Christmas ornament and of course a wrapped gift for the famous dice game.

As part of our mission each Christmas we donate to a charity. This year we each filled a gift bag with items such as socks, shampoo, sanitizer, hand soap, toothpaste & toothbrushes for the Food Pantry. UCW also donated \$250.00 to the Food Pantry so that necessary personal items can be purchased to be given to the clients.

The gift bags were brought to the zoom party so that we could pray for the people that would be receiving them. Then the bags were dropped off as part of the Manger Gifts on Christmas Eve.

A Sunshine Friend is someone you care for secretly all year with inexpensive or homemade gifts, baking, or cards. It's not the gift that matters it's the caring that happens. Contact the church office if you would like to know more about Sunshine Friends.

Submitted by,
Barb Humphrey
On behalf of UCW

Wonderkids

In November, I enthusiastically volunteered to host Wonderkids Zoom when I heard that Worship Committee was looking for a leader. We have Bible Stories, games, and crafts. We have a very small but dedicated number of kids who regularly attend. We met 3 times through November and December and have many more planned for 2021.



We use Faith at Home Kits from United Church Chinook Region as our curriculum. The students and I really enjoy the program. Left, is a photo of some of the crafts we did in 2020 including those from the parable of the vineyard and Psalm 23. We like the Bible Classics!

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Macnab

Worship Committee

2020 started like any other year at RMUC.

- celebrated Epiphany where we started in darkness and then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light
- Kelly Osgood preached a series called “Known and Called” about discovering who Jesus is, and who we are called to be as his followers
- Giving Campaign – celebrating with gratitude the generosity of our congregation and asking the question “why do you give?”
- Hosted the World Day of Prayer
- Mardi Gras with parading
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and pancake games
- Ash Wednesday but at RMUC we practice this ritual on Ashes Sunday. The focus was Getting Ready for the Journey
- The journey continues as we journey through Lent
- PIE Sunday - A Rainbow Journey

Then our lives changed. No one could believe it. March 15th, 2020 was the last Sunday that we had in-person worship in our church building.

The COVID-19 Pandemic had arrived. There was no church, no family gatherings, no sharing meals together, many people lost their jobs because businesses couldn’t survive, no rituals, no hugs, no passing the peace, no communion, no soup, no small groups, and that’s only naming a few things that changed. What we knew as our regular lives was no longer the “normal”.

So we overcame these obstacles and started online worship. It was a learning curve for everyone. Who would have thought that we would need to be very imaginative in creating meaningful worship in such a devastating time?

The bad side of having to do worship online is that not all our congregation members have computer access. They are missing even more than others the connection both personal and spiritual. But there is also a good side to all of this. We have reached out to more people around the world that tune in to our worship online than we would ever be able to have in our church building. But not having that personal connection is hard.

Part of our worship planning was how could we help people feel more connected to worship. Therefore, the RMUC “take home bags” were invented. The bags were put outside the church front doors for people to pick up. Throughout the year we had:

- “Holy Week” bags with a palm branch, communion elements, nail, butterflies, flower, candle
- “Pentecost” bags with a dove and fire stickers to be put on your window or mirror, feather, bell, balloon, streamers, candle, scripture. There were even special bags for families that also included dove masks to decorate, colouring pages and bubbles.

- “Advent” bags with candles for your personal advent wreath, communion elements, list of names for Jesus to use in prayer time and an advent calendar.

We also held one tailgate social in the church parking lot. We followed the protocols with distancing and wearing masks. You had to phone to reserve your spot, pack your own lunch, beverages, and chairs. We gave “Faith Table Conversation Postcards” to be used to gather around your own table at home to share together, to wonder and ponder about the stories of our faith. These same postcards were included in the hamper bags for the Food Pantry.

Thanks to Emily Macnab, the WonderKids are zooming. They meet a couple times a month after church on zoom. The resources that we are using for WonderKids are from the Pacific Mountain First Third Ministry Team. They are called Faith@Home kits which empowers creative and engaging practices. These kits are one per household and include practices, materials, activities, and craft supplies for the Liturgical Seasons of the Christian year.

One of the best things that we did in 2020 was hire Amanda Shaw to be our videographer. We are so very grateful for her artistic, imaginative talents. She has brought a new level of expertise to our online worship experience. It’s fun to watch her videoing at our Quarantine Quartet music and worship recordings. You can tell that she loves what she is doing. She brings smiles to everyone that is watching her, she even dances to the music. She’s so talented and willing to try anything and the graphics and animation that she adds to the videos are absolutely amazing.

Our traditional White Gift service and Christmas Pageant couldn’t happen the way we once knew it. With the help of many people, we put on a virtual pageant. It was called “The Good News Goes Viral.” Everyone recorded themselves at home. Costumes were whatever they had at home and everyone put their own spin onto the Christmas story. There were about 20 people take part in this virtual Christmas Pageant. Do you remember Craig Wonnacott being the angel that visited Joseph? He could snap his fingers and “Hallelujah” would start and stop playing. Amazing. Jack Lough made the best Joseph. He wondered how he was to be a father without an instruction manual on how it works. We thank everyone that took part in the pageant. It was wonderful! The individual recordings were sent to Amanda. And she worked her magic and put all the recordings together with the music intertwined. Tradition continued as we ended the pageant singing “Happy Birthday Jesus.” Here’s the link to the YouTube video if you want to enjoy the pageant again: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMwfKEJ4sTA&t=13s>

Of course, we couldn’t bring our white gifts to an online Christmas Pageant. But part of the Advent Calendar that was included in the “take home bag” suggested that you collect items for the Food Pantry during Advent and bring them to the manger on Christmas Eve. Therefore, a new tradition was birthed called “Manger Gifts.”

That brings us to Christmas Eve. Once again, we couldn't worship in the church building but we did an outside "Journey to Bethlehem". It was breath-taking with the luminary bags lining the pathway. As you journeyed there were stations set up with a story candle, lantern and scripture that told the Christmas Story. The last station was the nativity with Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus in the gazebo. The number of manger gifts that we received for the Food Pantry were overwhelming.



Part of the Christmas Eve journey was a fundraiser called the "Heart Connections Christmas Tree - Share the Light" where you could buy a Christmas light bulb in honour of someone. Ribbons with their names were tied onto the strings of lights. The lights lit up the trees around the gazebo. The sight was spectacular. Thanks to Bev Hafeli for donating and organizing the fundraiser. We raised \$1,135.00.

We also had our "traditional" Communion and Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service online.

So many thanks to be extended – to our actors and narrators, scripture readers, tailgate social organizers, snow plowers (for the Christmas Journey), plexiglass barrier builders, worship planners, candle lighters, all the people that went out of their comfort zone and recorded themselves to be included in our online worship.

Thanks to Karen & Fred DeCarle, Andy & Sharon Armstrong, Devynne & Craig Wonnacott, and Kelly & Laura Strain for lighting the Advent Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Thanks to Barb Lough, Linda and Sam Bossler, Andy Armstrong for their leadership during worship and providing thought provoking messages.

Thanks to the Worship Committee – Heather and Isabelle Templeton, Karen Dingwall, Colette Cuthbert, Andy Armstrong, BethAnn Friesen and Kelly Osgood for your support and imaginations in these times of "unnatural" and learning new ways to worship. Your dedication and worship planning are so appreciated.

Thanks to the musicians and especially the Quarantine Quartet – Sam Bossler, Jack Lough, BethAnn Friesen and Gord Humphrey. Not only are they the musicians but they are the worship set up people too. They help change the seasons of the church calendar from one recording to the next and sometimes even from one song to the next song. Seasons don't usually happen that quickly during real time but in recording time they do. Of course, these recordings can't happen without Amanda Shaw and Kelly Osgood.

Thanks to Barb & Jack Lough, Neil Lough, Garth Paytner and Linda & Sam Bossler for helping with the “Journey to Bethlehem”. The Worship Committee and our friends come up with these ideas (sometimes out of this world kind of ideas!) and then it takes a group of people to make it all come together.

There isn't a thank you big enough to say to Devynne Wonnacott, our Church Administrator. I can't say it enough times “She is the greatest!” A special thanks to her for helping put the “take home bags” together. And making sure that all the music we use is licensed for online worship.

And, of course, we must extend our gratitude and thanks to our minister, Kelly Osgood. This year has been a year of stumbling blocks, learning curves, and meaningful worship. With her help we all continue to live our vision – intentionally creating space where the Holy Spirit sets our hearts ablaze and bursts out.

All I can say is THANK YOU!

If you have any suggestions or recommendations, please contact anyone on the Worship Committee.

Serving on the Worship Committee is a rewarding and wonderful experience. Please consider being part of this group.

Submitted with thankfulness and gratitude
By Barb Humphrey, Worship Chairperson

Youth Group

The beginning of the year started off with games and time together to “low-key chill”. We completed the Enneagram and the MMPI (Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory) with the intention of doing some future learning about our results, however, *then cometh the plague*. Or rather the pandemic, which sent us all to the safety of our homes.

We met for a few online Friday night gatherings but this medium really did not allow for the group to connect in meaningful ways. We had fun doing check in, a virtual scavenger hunt and pondering the questions “What have you learned about yourself since the lock-down started?” and “How has your life improved in the last 6 months?”

I pray that the near future brings us back together, safely, as a group, so we can grow and share, have black-light Glow-stick dance parties again and continue to be a place when the youth can hang out, relax and just “be”.

Faithfully submitted by:
Devynne Wonnacott

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	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense							
Income							
Offerings							
Bathroom Renovations	0.00			49,060.57			
Food Pantry	0.00			0.00			
Freezer Fund	0.00			6.16			
General Envelope	18,016.67	17,581.00	435.67	120,534.79	145,559.00	(25,024.21)	145,559.00
Loose Offering	0.00			349.10			
Mission & Service	270.00	375.00	(105.00)	3,358.00	4,500.00	(1,142.00)	4,500.00
Refugees	304.98	50.00	254.98	1,669.95	600.00	1,069.95	600.00
Thank Offering - new	0.00	77.00	(77.00)	608.12	925.00	(316.88)	925.00
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00	43.83	(43.83)	202.95	526.00	(323.05)	526.00
Wonder Kids	294.00	16.67	277.33	294.00	200.00	94.00	200.00
Woodchipper	0.00			62.16			
Total Offerings	18,885.65	18,143.50	742.15	176,145.80	152,310.00	23,835.80	152,310.00
Total Income	18,885.65	18,143.50	742.15	176,145.80	152,310.00	23,835.80	152,310.00
Expense							
Administration							
Building Expenses							
Building Repairs	0.00	291.67	(291.67)	0.00	3,500.00	(3,500.00)	3,500.00
Building Supplies	0.00			175.14			
Electricity, water and gas	671.82	1,016.67	(344.85)	8,796.20	12,200.00	(3,403.80)	12,200.00
Fire Safety	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	746.93	1,000.00	(253.07)	1,000.00
Garbage Bin & Pickup	992.98	366.67	626.31	5,165.08	4,400.00	765.08	4,400.00
Insurance	337.45	350.00	(12.55)	4,349.10	4,200.00	149.10	4,200.00
Kitchen Supplies	351.77	50.00	301.77	447.62	600.00	(152.38)	600.00
Property Maintenance	748.66			1,471.21			
Security System	58.75	91.67	(32.92)	473.18	1,100.00	(626.82)	1,100.00
Total Building Expenses	3,161.43	2,416.68	744.75	21,624.46	27,000.00	(5,375.54)	27,000.00
Office Expenses							
ADP Service Charges	22.19			305.22			
Bank Charges	0.00	91.67	(91.67)	119.20	1,100.00	(980.80)	1,100.00
Computer Software	97.86			230.60			
Lock Box Annual Inspection	0.00	0.00	0.00	640.62	200.00	440.62	200.00
Office Supplies	71.20	216.67	(145.47)	224.28	2,600.00	(2,375.72)	2,600.00
PAR Charges	17.50			210.00			
Paypal charges	0.00			24.90			
Photocopies	0.00			1,110.81			
Telephone	145.89	200.00	(54.11)	1,770.98	2,400.00	(629.02)	2,400.00
Website Maintenance	26.98			339.82			
Total Office Expenses	381.62	508.34	(126.72)	4,976.43	6,300.00	(1,323.57)	6,300.00

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	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Wages & Payroll Expense							
Caretaker	0.00	718.17	(718.17)	2,947.56	8,618.00	(5,670.44)	8,618.00
CPP Expense	277.38	263.83	13.55	3,320.48	3,165.96	154.52	3,165.96
EI Expense	38.71	140.23	(101.52)	1,660.02	1,682.73	(22.71)	1,682.73
Employee Benefits	1,217.52	1,181.08	36.44	14,588.29	14,173.00	415.29	14,173.00
Mileage	0.00	41.67	(41.67)	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	500.00
Music Director	999.50	1,802.50	(803.00)	14,338.42	21,630.00	(7,291.58)	21,630.00
Summer Students	733.48	0.00	733.48	8,681.55	5,345.00	3,336.55	5,345.00
Tuition	405.56	120.16	285.40	688.38	1,442.00	(753.62)	1,442.00
Wages & Salaries	7,649.56	7,746.92	(97.36)	91,641.58	92,963.00	(1,321.42)	92,963.00
Total Wages & Payroll Expense	11,321.71	12,014.56	(692.85)	137,866.28	149,519.69	(11,653.41)	149,519.69
Total Administration	14,864.76	14,939.58	(74.82)	164,467.17	182,819.69	(18,352.52)	182,819.69
COVID	1,751.27			1,751.27			
Miscellaneous							
Advertising	170.80	10.42	160.38	170.80	125.00	45.80	125.00
Observer Expenses	(150.00)	4.17	(154.17)	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Total Miscellaneous	20.80	14.59	6.21	220.80	175.00	45.80	175.00
Professional Fees							
Human Resources	0.00	33.33	(33.33)	291.13	400.00	(108.87)	400.00
Training	0.00	20.83	(20.83)	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Total Professional Fees	0.00	54.16	(54.16)	291.13	650.00	(358.87)	650.00
Program Expense							
Affirming Committee	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	251.00	1,200.00	(949.00)	1,200.00
Emergency Fund	0.00	37.50	(37.50)	0.00	450.00	(450.00)	450.00
Food Pantry							
Donations in kind	0.00	808.33	(808.33)	4,296.33	9,700.00	(5,403.67)	9,700.00
Food Pantry - Other	239.95	320.00	(80.05)	3,180.08	3,840.00	(659.92)	3,840.00
Spinz membership	0.00	100.00	(100.00)	900.00	1,200.00	(300.00)	1,200.00
Food Pantry - Other	0.00			0.00			
Total Food Pantry	239.95	1,228.33	(988.38)	8,376.41	14,740.00	(6,363.59)	14,740.00
Mission & Service Expense	270.00	375.00	(105.00)	3,358.00	4,500.00	(1,142.00)	4,500.00
Music/Choir Expenses							
Choir Music	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	10.95	600.00	(589.05)	600.00
Microphones	243.95			243.95			
Piano Tuning	0.00			350.00			
Total Music/Choir Expenses	243.95	50.00	193.95	604.90	600.00	4.90	600.00
Pastoral Care	136.34	8.33	128.01	136.34	100.00	36.34	100.00
Presbytery Assessment	831.83	831.83	0.00	9,981.96	9,982.00	(0.04)	9,982.00

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	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Refugees	304.98	50.00	254.98	1,669.95	600.00	1,069.95	600.00
Seniors Tea	0.00	90.00	(90.00)	132.42	450.00	(317.58)	450.00
Stewardship	48.06	8.33	39.73	104.06	100.00	4.06	100.00
Thank Offering Expenses	0.00	77.08	(77.08)	608.12	925.00	(316.88)	925.00
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	0.00	43.83	(43.83)	199.78	526.00	(326.22)	526.00
Wonder Kids	294.00	16.67	277.33	294.00	200.00	94.00	200.00
Worship							
Food for special events	46.17			43.53			
Subscriptions	(50.00)			296.47			
Worship Supplies	(685.97)			1,222.24			
Worship - Other	0.00	183.33	(183.33)	0.00	2,200.00	(2,200.00)	2,200.00
Total Worship	(689.80)	183.33	(873.13)	1,562.24	2,200.00	(637.76)	2,200.00
Youth Group	0.00	19.75	(19.75)	0.00	237.00	(237.00)	237.00
Total Program Expense	1,679.31	3,119.98	(1,440.67)	27,279.18	36,810.00	(9,530.82)	36,810.00
Total Expense	18,316.14	18,128.31	187.83	194,009.55	220,454.69	(26,445.14)	220,454.69
Net Ordinary Income	569.51	15.19	554.32	(17,863.75)	(68,144.69)	50,280.94	(68,144.69)
Other Income/Expense							
Other Income							
Donations	246.92	333.33	(86.41)	3,747.08	4,000.00	(252.92)	4,000.00
Emergency Wage Subsidy	0.00			30,982.17			
Farmer's Market							
Advertising	(205.00)	0.00	(205.00)	(205.00)	(2,950.00)	2,745.00	(2,950.00)
Business Licence	0.00	0.00	0.00	157.50	(140.00)	297.50	(140.00)
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,034.40	(16,034.40)	16,034.40
Fundraising Expenses	0.00			8.61			
Market Bucks Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,500.00)	1,500.00	(1,500.00)
Market Coordinator	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(1,750.00)	1,750.00	(1,750.00)
Market Sponsor	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	1,250.00
McClure Stall	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	1,000.00
Musicians	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,200.00)	3,200.00	(3,200.00)
Special Events	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(500.00)	500.00	(500.00)
Stall Rentals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00	(5,000.00)	5,000.00
Summer Student Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(16,034.40)	16,034.40	(16,034.40)
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(200.00)	200.00	(200.00)
UCC Grant Proceeds	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.50	5,712.15	(5,449.65)	5,712.15
Total Farmer's Market	(205.00)	0.00	(205.00)	223.61	2,722.15	(2,498.54)	2,722.15
Fund Raising							
Catering	0.00	0.00	0.00	760.00	9,000.00	(8,240.00)	9,000.00
Chocolate Sales	0.00			112.51			
Christmas Lights	1,035.00			1,035.00			

Robert McClure United Church
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
December 2020

	<u>Dec 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 20</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Digital Portraits	0.00			180.00			
Fund Raising Expenses	(113.51)			(113.51)			
Grocery Gift Cards	137.75			992.85			
Total Fund Raising	<u>1,059.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,059.24</u>	<u>2,966.85</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>	<u>(6,033.15)</u>	<u>9,000.00</u>
Gifts in Kind	<u>2,747.01</u>	<u>1,308.33</u>	<u>1,438.68</u>	<u>7,180.72</u>	<u>15,700.00</u>	<u>(8,519.28)</u>	<u>15,700.00</u>
Grants Received							
Bathroom Renovations	0.00			35,000.00			
Canada Summer Jobs	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,745.00	5,345.00	400.00	5,345.00
Ucc Food Pantry	245.80	420.00	(174.20)	4,135.39	5,040.00	(904.61)	5,040.00
Total Grants Received	<u>245.80</u>	<u>420.00</u>	<u>(174.20)</u>	<u>44,880.39</u>	<u>10,385.00</u>	<u>34,495.39</u>	<u>10,385.00</u>
Interest Income	<u>1.67</u>			<u>33.80</u>			
Kitchen Rental	123.75			750.00			
Rent	(99.93)	2,166.67	(2,266.60)	3,440.07	26,000.00	(22,559.93)	26,000.00
Sale of Furniture & Fixtures	0.00			12.00			
Weddings, Funerals & Baptisms	0.00	0.00	0.00	205.00	100.00	105.00	100.00
Youth Group Fundraising	0.00	19.75	(19.75)	0.00	237.00	(237.00)	237.00
Total Other Income	<u>4,119.46</u>	<u>4,248.08</u>	<u>(128.62)</u>	<u>94,421.69</u>	<u>68,144.15</u>	<u>26,277.54</u>	<u>68,144.15</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Amortization	<u>4,688.97</u>	<u>4,263.27</u>	<u>425.70</u>	<u>76,557.94</u>	<u>(0.54)</u>	<u>76,558.48</u>	<u>(0.54)</u>
Amortization Expense	<u>1,642.70</u>	<u>1,333.33</u>	<u>309.37</u>	<u>17,552.03</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>	<u>1,552.03</u>	<u>16,000.00</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) After Amortization	<u><u>3,046.27</u></u>	<u><u>2,929.94</u></u>	<u><u>116.33</u></u>	<u><u>59,005.91</u></u>	<u><u>(16,000.54)</u></u>	<u><u>75,006.45</u></u>	<u><u>(16,000.54)</u></u>

Robert McClure United Church
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2020

31 Dec 20

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

First Calgary Savings

Designated Funds

Affirming Committee	109.05
Bathroom Renovations	1,134.84
Bible Study Buddies	23.00
Emergency Fund	1,345.00
Food Pantry	4,924.63
Grocery Gift Cards	4,269.90
Memorial Funds	93.26
Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00
Refugees	1,846.10
Thank Offering Fund - New	317.48
Training	75.00
Trustees Account	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	3,271.03
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	421.52
Women's Retreat	182.08
Wonder Kids	65.41
Youth Group	237.14

Total Designated Funds 26,515.44

First Calgary Savings - Other 9,297.98

Total First Calgary Savings 35,813.42

First Calgary Share Account 48.75

Total Chequing/Savings 35,862.17

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable 2,282.69

Total Accounts Receivable 2,282.69

Other Current Assets

Prepaid Deposits & Expenses

Alarm System	276.93
Coop Gift Cards	1,190.00
Superstore Gift Cards	4,250.00

Total Prepaid Deposits & Expenses 5,716.93

Total Other Current Assets 5,716.93

Total Current Assets 43,861.79

Fixed Assets 485,654.19

TOTAL ASSETS 529,515.98

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Robert McClure United Church
Balance Sheet
As of 31 December 2020

	<u>31 Dec 20</u>
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	976.55
Total Accounts Payable	<u>976.55</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Accrued Liabilities	259.90
Deferred Revenue	
Affirming Committee	109.05
Bathroom Renovation	1,134.84
Bible Study Buddies	23.00
Emergency Fund	1,345.00
Food Pantry	4,924.63
Grocery Gift Cards	9,450.00
Memorial Funds	93.26
Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00
Refugees	1,846.10
Thank Offering - New	317.48
Training	75.00
Trustees Account	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	3,271.03
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	421.52
Women's Retreat	182.08
Wonder Kids	65.41
Youth Group	237.14
Total Deferred Revenue	<u>31,695.54</u>
Mission & Service Payable	270.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>32,225.44</u>
Total Current Liabilities	33,201.99
Long Term Liabilities	
Presbytery Loan #2	56,350.00
Presbytery Loan #3	52,300.00
Presbytery Loan #4	17,300.00
Presbytery Loan #5	31,800.00
Presbytery Loan #6	31,800.00
UCC Emergency Loan	10,000.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>199,550.00</u>
Total Liabilities	232,751.99
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	398,145.65
Retained Earnings	(160,387.57)
Net Income	59,005.91
Total Equity	<u>296,763.99</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>529,515.98</u></u>

Cash Accounts - Monthly Balances	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20
First Calgary Savings												
Designated Funds												
Accessibility Repairs	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	195.41	0.00
Affirming Committee	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05	109.05
Bathroom Renovations	25,000.00	25,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	85,000.00	72,314.09	27,553.84	11,464.80	11,448.01	939.43	1,134.84
Bible Study Buddies	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Canada Summer Jobs Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,546.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Emergency Fund	1,265.00	1,305.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00	1,345.00
Food Pantry	1,913.23	2,969.74	2,326.70	2,938.49	2,893.02	2,475.80	3,263.79	3,109.87	2,778.83	3,679.50	3,445.43	4,924.63
Freezer Fund	6.16	6.16	6.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grocery Gift Cards	(1,036.25)	2,088.15	4,021.15	4,680.15	4,962.15	6,093.15	2,336.65	2,665.65	3,561.65	5,309.15	6,632.65	4,269.90
Memorial Funds	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26	93.26
Parking Lot Upgrade	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
Refugees	1,716.05	1,996.05	2,416.05	2,311.06	2,421.06	2,161.08	2,211.08	2,261.08	1,861.08	2,061.08	1,981.08	1,846.10
Thank Offering Fund - New	925.60	925.60	925.60	925.60	925.60	925.60	925.60	925.60	317.48	317.48	317.48	317.48
Training	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Trustees Account	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
UCC Innovation Grant	533.53	3,533.53	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03	3,271.03
WELC (Wed Eve Learning Circle)	576.47	373.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52	421.52
Women's Retreat	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08	182.08
Wonder Kids	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	359.41	65.41
Wood Chipper	62.16	62.16	62.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Group	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14	237.14
Total Designated Funds	40,436.30	47,734.26	84,269.72	85,367.20	85,713.73	113,713.71	95,563.11	51,027.94	34,495.74	37,327.12	27,827.97	26,515.44
First Calgary Savings - Other	2,773.68	(1,940.94)	(5,597.97)	(9,689.12)	-4,476.03	1,428.48	-5,432.45	(3,968.74)	2,902.14	(1,398.64)	3,693.74	9,297.98
Total First Calgary Savings	43,209.98	46,030.46	78,671.75	75,678.08	81,237.70	115,142.19	90,130.66	47,059.20	37,397.88	35,928.48	31,521.71	35,813.42
First Calgary Share Account	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75
	43,258.73	46,079.21	78,720.50	75,726.83	81,286.45	115,190.94	90,179.41	47,107.95	37,446.63	35,977.23	31,570.46	35,862.17
Coop GC	5,900.00	3,890.00	2,440.00	1,840.00	1,540.00	640.00	4,990.00	4,640.00	3,990.00	2,990.00	2,340.00	1,190.00
Safeway GC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Superstore GC	5,175.00	3,875.00	3,275.00	3,175.00	3,175.00	2,875.00	2,525.00	2,525.00	2,225.00	1,375.00	625.00	4,250.00
Owing for Grocery Gift Cards	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	(9,450.00)	-9,450.00	-9,450.00	(9,450.00)	-9,450.00	-9,450.00
Total Cash including GC	44,883.73	44,394.21	74,985.50	71,291.83	76,551.45	109,255.94	88,244.41	44,822.95	34,211.63	30,892.23	25,085.46	31,852.17
Prior Year Total Cash including GC	19,018.99	16,348.66	13,379.85	16,956.21	43,196.03	55,642.02	44,637.66	38,973.14	45,106.22	47,396.20	42,841.11	48,367.16
Year over year Increase (decrease) in cash	25,864.74	28,045.55	61,605.65	54,335.62	33,355.42	53,613.92	43,606.75	5,849.81	-10,894.59	-16,503.97	-17,755.65	-16,514.99

**Robert McClure United Church
Draft Budget for 2021**

Income	2,020 Budget	2,020 Actuals	2,021 Budget	Comments
Local Offerings	145,559	120,952	167,054	Required to balance the budget
Rent	26,000	4,190	0	
Fund raising (net)	9,000	2,967	3,000	
Farmers Market	2,722	224	0	
Weddings & Funerals (net)	100	205	100	
United Way	4,000	3,451	3,000	
Emergency Wage Subsidy	0	30,982	7,000	
Evangelism	0	0	0	
Canada Helps & Facebook	0	296	300	
Gifts in Kind	6,000	2,884	3,000	
Canada Summer Jobs grant	5,345	5,745	8,670	
Emergency Fund	0	0	200	
Other		46		
REfugees	600	1,670	1,800	
AB Govt Grant Covid reponening			1,750	
UCC Grant - food pantry	5,040	4,135	3,000	
Thank Offering - Building Repairs	925	608	317	
Gardeners		0	0	
WELC	526	203	200	
Wonder Kids	200	294	65	
Bathroom Renovations		84,061	3,735	
Youth Group	237	0	0	
Total Income	206,254	262,913	203,191	
Targeted Giving				
Mission & Service offerings	4,500	3,358	3,240	
Refugees	600	1,670	1,800	
Food Pantry	9,700	4,296	4,500	
	0			
Total Targeted Giving	14,800	9,324	9,540	
Tithe Amount	20,625	26,291	20,319	
Expenses				
Ministry Expense				
Affirm Action Committee	1,200	251	300	
Senior's Social	450	132	0	
Stewardship	100	104	100	
Food Pantry	5,040	4,080	3,000	
Evangelism	0	0	0	
Emergency Fund	450	0	200	
Refugees	600	1,670	1,800	
Wonder Kids	200	294	300	
Youth Group	237	0	0	
Worship	2,200	1,562	2,200	
Choir/Music	600	605	500	
Ministry & Personnel	400	291	300	
Thank Offering	925	608	317	
Regional Assessmnt	9,982	9,982	10,000	
WELC	526	200	200	
Women's Retreat	0	0	0	
Workshops	0	0	0	
Caring Committee	100	136	100	

Operations

Office	2,600	1,335	1,300
Advertising	125	171	0
Bank	1,100	659	700
Building Maintenance & Repairs	3,500	1,646	1,600
COVID	0	1,751	0
Insurance	4,200	4,349	4,300
Lockbox Annual Inspection	200	641	640
Kitchen Supplies	600	448	450
Telephone & internet	2,400	2,341	2,200
Electricity, gas & water	12,200	8,796	10,000
Security system	1,100	473	500
Fire Safety	1,000	747	750
Garbage Pickup	4,400	5,165	4,400
Broadview	50	50	50
Training	250	0	0

Contractors

Music Director	21,630	14,338	17,307
Caretaker	8,618	2,948	4,404

Salaries

Minister's Salary & Benefits	87,424	86,684	90,919
Office Administrator Salary & Benefits	26,502	25,214	28,243
Summer Students - yard maintenance & artist	5,345	8,682	16,111
Total Expenses	<u>206,254</u>	<u>186,355</u>	<u>203,191</u>

Net Surplus (Deficit) before Depreciation **0** **76,558** **0**

Depreciation (non cash)	<u>16,000</u>	<u>17,552</u>	<u>17,552</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Depreciation	<u>-16,000</u>	<u>59,006</u>	<u>-17,552</u>

59,006

Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting of Robert McClure United Church Board, Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at Robert McClure United Church, 5510 26 Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, at the call of the Chair, Sam Bossler

In Attendance

Sam Bossler-Chair

Heather Templeton-Secretary

Isabelle Templeton

Debbie Vanstone

Jack Lough

Barb Lough

Margaret Devine

Barb Humphrey

Gord Humphrey

Linda Bossler

Lynn Robertson

Brian Robertson

Wendy Leckie

Brent Barr

Beth Friesen

Lorna McKenzie

Andy Armstrong

Carolyn Stuber

Darlene Thompson

Kelly Osgood

Garth Paynter

Karen Dingwall

Mac Dingwall

Devynne Wonnacott

Craig Wonnacott

Donna Pederson

Maureen Routley

Karen DeCarle

Shirley Dufour

Bev Hafeli

Caryle Barr

Darlene Kormos

Ron MacRury

Sharon Armstrong

1. Called to Order at 7:18 pm
2. Opening Prayer: Minister Kelly Osgood
3. Enabling Motion:
 - Motion:** Jack Lough/Karen DeCarle move that all those in attendance can participate fully in the meeting and vote on upcoming motions
 - Motion carried
4. Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion:** Brian Robertson/Linda Bossler move to approve the agenda as amended
 - Motion carried
5. Approval of 2018 AGM minutes from February 12, 2019
 - Motion:** Heather Templeton/Devynne Wonnacott move the approval of the 2018 AGM minutes as amended
 - Motion carried
6. 2019 Financial Report
 - Motion:** Karen Dingwall/Heather Templeton move to approve the 2019 Financial Report as submitted
 - Motion carried

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7. 2020 proposed Budget:

Motion: Karen Dingwall/Karen DeCarle move to approve the 2020 budget as proposed
Motion carried

8. Coffee Break: questions and committee sign up

9. Approval of Annual Report:

Motion: Devynne Wonnacott/Carolyn Stuber move to accept the 2019 Annual Reports as presented
Motion carried

10. Motions:

a. Rename Pastoral Care to Caring Committee

Motion: Heather Templeton/Barb Lough move to accept the renaming of Pastoral Care to Caring Committee.
Motion carried

b. Add Affirming Ministry Action Committee chair as a Board member

Motion: Linda Bossler/Darlene Thompson move the addition of the Affirming Ministry Action Committee chair as a Board member.
Motion carried

c. Add Caring Committee chair as a Board member: The Caring Committee is a caring presence for members of the congregation and other groups.

Motion: Heather Templeton/Karen DeCarle move the addition of the Caring Committee chair as a Board member.
Motion carried.

d. Remove Property and Maintenance chair as a Board member

Motion: Barb Humphrey/Heather Templeton move to remove the Property and Maintenance chair as a Board member.

Gord Humphrey will be the Property and Maintenance Foreman and if items need to be brought to the Board a SNAP report will be submitted.

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11. Leadership Team

Lynn Robertson-Chair
Heather Templeton-Secretary
Barb Humphrey-Worship
Darlene Montgomery/Barb Lough-Chinook Winds Representative
Karen Dingwall-Treasurer
Karen Dingwall-Generosity
Karen DeCarle-Ministry & Personnel
Barb Lough-Caring Committee
Affirming Ministry Action Committee-Linda Bossler
Kelly Osgood-Minister

Motion: Margaret Devine/Brian Robertson move the approval of the 2020 leadership team and that pending Duty of Care clearance the congregation approve the leadership team named in the minutes and empower the board to appoint individuals to fill any remaining vacancies.

Motion carried

Past Robert McClure United Church Board Chair Sam Bossler presented the newly appointed Robert McClure United Church Board Chair Lynn Robertson with the Robert McClure United Church gavel.

12. Closing prayer

13. Adjournment

Motion: Sam Bossler move the 2019 AGM be adjourned at 8:20 pm