

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2021



Fresh Veggies This Way



Look in the
cooler

Minister Reflections on 2021 by Rev. Dr. Ted Reeve

On first reflection, 2021 seems like a year to forget. With ending the year under lockdown and our second virtual rather than live Christmas Eve, it seems like COVID overwhelmed 2021. Thinking further about the year I remember how liberated we all felt getting our vaccinations last spring and summer. The summer had some openness to it and the fall seemed to be opening up nicely. I began promoting “Come back for Advent!” While we didn’t end the year as we hoped, we did have some good times in 2021 and managed to do our best in the face of this ongoing pandemic challenge.

I think our biggest ahha from last year was how important it is for us to be together whether by Zoom, phone or in person. Many of us recognized this importance as we faced down these isolating times. It was especially evident as we began to come together again in the fall. Almost everyone commented on how good it felt just to be physically present to each other. Something we’d taken for granted before. Even with masks on, and sitting at a distance from each other, it just felt good to be present to each other. When we again halted in-person gatherings around Christmas, Nellie was disappointed that all those friendly pats were absent. She awaits your return.



It is also worth celebrating how well we adapted to it all. Most of us would never have imagined a few years back that we’d be interacting by Zoom calls and participating in worship via YouTube. Nor that our wonderful potluck or prepared meals together would morph into drive-by dinners. So, even though Zoom was technically challenging at first, we helped each other – push the button with the slash through it – and managed to organize our days to accommodate this new way of communicating! For those who supported our stewardship drive-by dinners it was wonderful to at least say hello from the safety of our vehicles. Hopefully, when we look back at this in a couple of years, we’ll shake our heads at how things changed so quickly and how we adapted so well.

Minister's Message 2021 Continued

By adapting to these, and other ways, we managed to carry on with most of our ministry programs:

The Learning Circle continued to explore interesting books.

We created an online discussion group following the Third Age Learning sessions.

Some groups were able to use the new learning commons space in Memorial Hall.

The children and youth programs led by Becky Bauman continued around outdoor fires and backyard events.

The choir continued to get together online to socialize and to put together special anthems.

Women's groups and other small groups continued to meet via Zoom.

The phone tree remained active with regular check-ins about how folks were doing.

A third Call 83 "reconciliation" art project was launched, this time at the invitation of St. Paul's.

Elementary students came to our reconciliation gallery for an arts experience on this theme.

Eco-justice gave special emphasis to a Guaranteed Livable Income theme.

Our Jubilee House apartment was totally refurnished by us.

All our ministry program and administrative committees continued to meet and plan.

And all the other activities I'm forgetting...

So while it feels like 2021 was a lost year, in retrospect we carried on bravely.

I know for myself, and I think Nellie, (Audrey too) we have come to appreciate the St. Paul's community even more in '21. While we suffered the heartbreak of losing a number of good people in 2021, others have stepped up in ways they haven't before and so we've continued to live our Christian mission in Orillia and beyond. We pray that 2022 will open up in some renewing ways and we can continue in the great spirit that is St. Paul's.

An Ode to 2021 by Mary Phelps, Chair of Leadership

2021 you've had your run!
There were times when, simply, you were no fun.

Over the year you brought some fears...
some tears...then welcome cheers.

By January we were pros
in using Zoom,
seeing St. Paul's colleagues
in their very own rooms.

Committees such as Worship, Finance & Stewardship,
Hospitality, Greening, & Spiritual Growth,
Ministry /Personnel, & our sweet group of Youth
made sure nothing got too long in the tooth.

Discussions, decisions, planning galore
no others **could** have accomplished more.

It took a village and a village St. Paul's is for sure.

The Sayles steered us through, their sails never luffing,
However, at times, we were huffing and puffing.

Don and Tina took budgets in hand
so we at St. Paul's would always know where we stand.

Our Admin Staff
Katrina, Anna, Tina & Stan
each with a competent hand
ensured St. Paul's was not left unmanned.
Messages all answered, emails too. Numbers were counted,
twice weekly news sent to you.



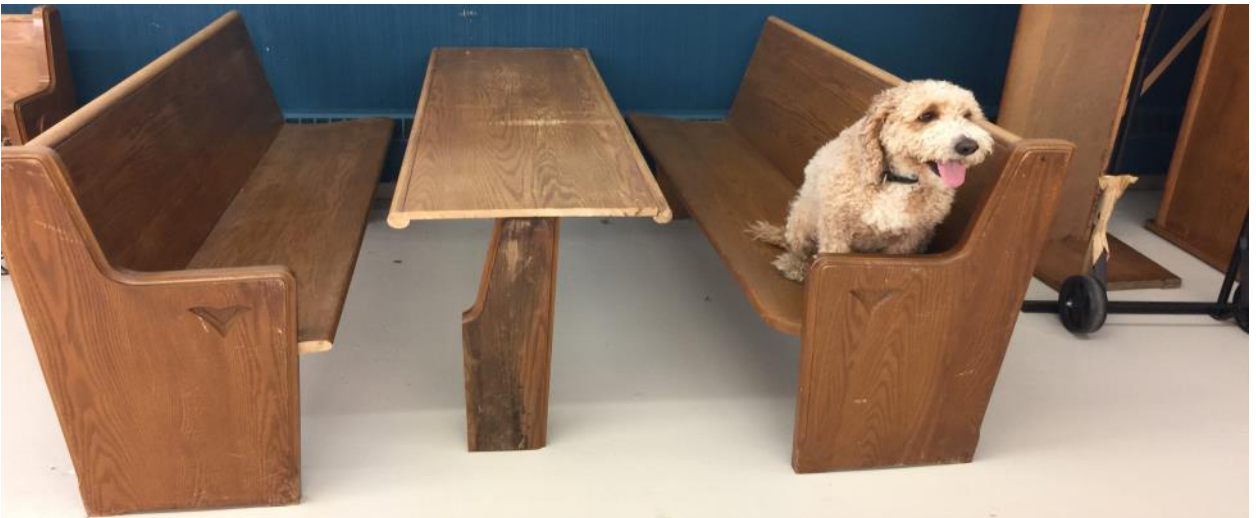
An Ode to 2021 Continued

Dr. Ted, our leader, a broad-minded man
opened our thinking to much in our land:
Our climate, our governments, our neighbourhoods too
our Indigenous friends and Learning Circle
to cite just a few.
With Nellie beside him
Our souls & spirits took flight,
He guided us through; helped us see the light.

Blair oh Blair,
with your musical flair
For each Sunday, a mini concert you prepared.
The keyboards came to life, the voices did soar,
A violin, a flute, a trumpet...and one more.
The Uilleann pipes completed the score.

Our AV guru, Rick Brown is his name
volunteered tirelessly, and soon we all knew his game.
For 18 months now, Rick & his team,
have brought to our screens, a host of live streams.
His knowledge, his commitment, his patience with us all
We are quite blessed in that Great Hall.

2021: You weren't humdrum! We are, however, really quite done!
2022: All shiny and new! A warm St. Paul's welcome goes out to you!



Building Operations Committee Report 2021 by Katrina Hunt

- * Unexpected return to work at home after Christmas.
- * Gained a whole new staff for St. Paul's away from St. Paul's and a new view too!
- * Reduced income from facility rentals but had Orillia Music School and new kitchen renters to provide a base income. Thanks Gayle & Sherry!
- * Express Yourself Summer Camp joined by STEM Camp (Science Technology Engineering & Math) for whole month of August!
- * Fall saw the return of many regular renters and some new ones.
- * Looking forward to adding some new technology in 2022 to assist in the ever growing need for livestreaming technology.



Building Maintenance Committee Report 2021 by Katrina Hunt

- * Atrium roof was redone.
- * New motor on boiler that heats church.
- * Gas pipe coming into the church was replaced.
- * New motion light by pie room door was installed for increased security.
- * Stan renovated the family accessible washroom next to the Banquet Hall in addition to all of his regular maintenance work throughout the year.

In 2022 our goals are:

- * As a result of the roof fix, the water damage to and around the beam in the Atrium is being repaired.
- * Replace the Peter St. doors.
- * Replace the carpet on the ramp into Memorial Hall.

Worship and Ritual Committee Report 2021 by Rachael Howes

2021 looked very much like 2020 for the Worship and Ritual Committee.

The main responsibility of the Committee is the Sunday morning worship services.

The year continued to be under pandemic mandates so over the year, there were periods of in-person services with restricted capacity, and periods of online-only services.

There were no live services in August again this year and people were encouraged to watch other live-streams from across the country.

We continue to rely on Rick Brown and his wonderful tech team for the live-streaming.

The Committee also decorates the sanctuary for special services; the Christmas display of trees continued and is augmented each year.

The committee meets monthly with the exception of the summer months and members are Doug Anderson, Blair Bailey, Ruth Broom, Rachael Howes, Christine Peterson, Susan Walma, and Ted Reeve.

Cole Mendez playing at our Christmas Eve service



St. Paul's Choir Report 2021 by Lidwien Wesselingh, Choir President and Blair Bailey, Choir Director



The 'virtual' Seven Fold Amen shown at the conclusion of the 2021 Lenten services

January 2021

- * St. Paul's Choir continues to remain connected through the power of Zoom and virtual worship services thanks to the Herculean efforts of Rick Brown.
- * Blair Bailey continues coordinating virtual choir rehearsals, arranging for meaningful and inspiring music to be incorporated into our online worship services.
- * Rachael Howes sets up our Zoom rehearsals and socials.
- * Many choir members participate in the weekly services.



February 2021

- * The choir serenaded Blair in his driveway on his birthday on February 14th, observing social distancing and wearing our singing masks. Unfortunately the birthday cake was too small to accommodate the required number of candles!

St. Paul's Choir Report 2021 Continued

March 2021

- * Choir Zoom rehearsals and live-streaming of services seem to be here to stay!
- * The choir participates in rehearsing and video-recording the virtual Easter anthem "Give Glory to God Forever".
- * Blair is preparing us to perform the anthem "When in our Music God is Glorified" to celebrate St. Paul's anniversary in May.

April 2021

- * We launch a new choir recruitment poster! Surely a good-looking, intelligent group!

May 2021

- * The choir's AGM is held virtually through a Zoom video conference on May 27th at 7:30. Last year's executive members agree to continue to serve on the 2021-2022 executive.
- * Choristers video-record the anthem "When in Our Music God is Glorified" which is shown at St. Paul's 190th anniversary service on May 30th. (*below*)
- * Choir member John Jefferies is named St. Paul's 'Volunteer of the Month' by the Stewardship Committee.
- * Treasurer Bruce McWhinnie creates a new choir directory.



St. Paul's Choir Report 2021 Continued

June 2021

- * The traditional choir season for 2020-2021 ends this month.
- * We are thankful for the amazing efforts of those among us who provided the gift of music through our weekly YouTube internet services.
- * Kudos go to Blair Bailey and Rick Brown for taking the lead in organizing choir member involvement!

July 2021

- * Hartie Andrews Rose is born to choir member Alex Andrews and her husband Tom Rose. She is our youngest member ever!

September 2021

- * Bruce McWhinnie keeps us in the loop with his outstanding monthly newsletter Choir Notes, now in its 15th season.
- * A virtual Social Hour is held on September 30th via Zoom.
- * Blair proposes we prepare a virtual choir video recording of the anthem "There is an Everlasting Kindness" to be presented on November 7th. (*below*)
- * Zoom choir rehearsals for this are scheduled to begin early October and section-by-section video recordings of the anthems are scheduled for the week of October 25 in the sanctuary.



St. Paul's Choir Report 2021 Continued

October 2021

* Sadly, long time Choir bass, Jim Barnett, passed away this month. A 'Celebration of Life' service was held on November 3, 2021.

November 2021

* Zoom rehearsals continue for the video-recording of 'The Time of Snow'.
* The 2021 Orillia Region Arts and Heritage Awards are presented at St. Paul's. Two members of the choir are recipients: Blair receives the Qennefer Browne Achievement Award, and The Education in the Arts, Culture and Heritage Award is awarded to the Orillia Music Centre of which chorister Alex Andrews is a member.

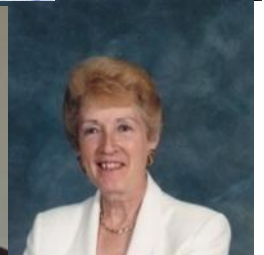
December 2021

* Choir member Jim Lewis publishes his book "You Should be 100 Years Old" ~ Memoirs of My Life".
* With great sadness we hear that Jack Carbert has passed away in his 89th year just before Christmas. Jack was a cherished member of St. Paul's choir tenor section and a highly esteemed former United Church minister and active member of St. Paul's congregation in many areas. A virtual memorial service for Jack was livestreamed from the sanctuary on Friday, December 17th.
* The choir's videorecording of "The Time of Snow" was shown at the December 19th morning service and "The Angels' Carol", by English composer John Rutter, which the choir had video-recorded in 2020, was again shown at this year's Christmas Eve service.



Milestones 2021 In Memoriam

Ken Hammond February 26, 2021
June Litster March 21, 2021
Ed Ansdell March 23, 2021
Betty Noganosh March 29, 2021
Cam Maltby May 9, 2021
Eileen McGarvey May 15, 2021
Joan Hollands October 5, 2021
Rev. William Sherwin October 11, 2021
Jim Barnett October 20, 2021
Rodney Mendez October 30, 2021
Dave Barr November 7, 2021
Jack Carbert December 9, 2021



Eco-Justice/Social Action Report 2021 by Irene Green

- * February 2021 Coldest Night of the Year virtual walk: We raised \$3465.00.
 - * Food Challenge for Lent done through newsletter due to COVID.
 - * Earth Day Worship service on April 18.
 - * Ranked Ballot to congregation to assist committee in choosing a social justice area to focus on.
 - * Top vote - Guaranteed Livable Income. We sold lawn signs from United Church of Canada, sent a letter off to numerous political officials and conducted an educational worship service on October 24.
 - * Refurbished Couchiching Jubilee House which including applying for a grant to assist with expenses.
 - * Advent appeal for Green Haven: raised \$1952.
- A sub group of EJSA is the Garden Club
- * The Sharing Garden had another bounteous year.
 - * The addition of an irrigation system with the generous support of Scott's Gardens reduced the time and effort needed for watering.
 - * Our sharing community seemed to especially enjoy the Swiss Chard and fresh herbs.
 - * In 2022, we plan to increase irrigation and to replace several of the boxes.
 - * Committee members for 2021: Sue Braun, Doug Daley, Irene Green, Jay Fallis, Carole McWhinnie, Jane Basher, Jack Carbert.



Greening Activity Report by Doug Daley – Greening Lead

Despite the Covid-19 pandemic and the need for self-protection, and mandatory lockdowns, there was significant activity towards continuing to Retrofit/Green our church to reduce its carbon footprint. The following activities were conducted:

Lighting:

Through a Save On Energy Provincial grant of \$2000 and a donation from congregation members we were able to upgrade the fixtures (where necessary) and install LED tubular lighting in the following spaces: Way Inn, Memorial Hall bathroom and kitchen, and the third floor hallway outside Blair's practice room.

Storm windows:

Finally, after installer measurement error and Covid-19 slow down in materials attainment we were able to accomplish the following, under the 2018 Grant monies:

Parlour – Install five single pane storm windows on the non-operating side of the east windows.

Sanctuary – Replace six vertical operating storm windows on the interior windows that open. There are actually seven windows that open, however, one required extra materials and cost not accounted for in the pricing. It therefore will be dealt with separately in the future.



Greening Report 2021 Continued

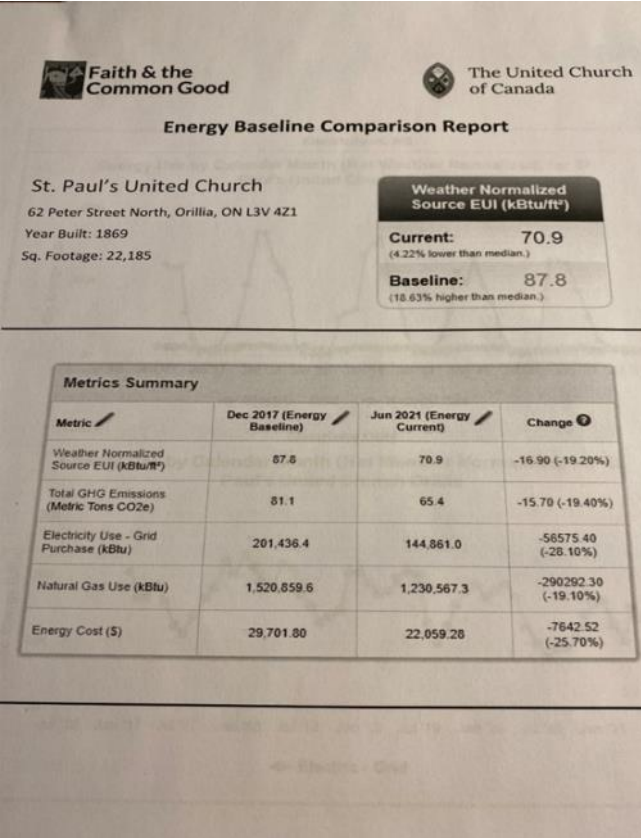
Furnace:

Operation of the furnace burners was altered to only have two of the four burners on when demand for heat is low.

In December the church received the Energy Star report (provided as part of receiving the Faith and the Common Good grant) which provided year over year comparisons between December 2017 to June 2021. We were pleased to see a reduction in our electricity and natural gas usage resulting in 19.40% reduction in our Green House Gas emissions for an energy cost savings of 25.70%! Good on us!

Other Activity:

Leadership and Greening wrote a report in February 2021 for publication in the National Church's Newsletter and Faith & the Common Good's Facebook Page, on capital expenditures and greening efforts and improvements since 2016.



Greening Report 2021 Continued

Plan for next year:

Nighttime temperature recording to determine the appropriate thermostat settings throughout the night, hopefully for reducing heating costs and carbon footprint.

More replacement of inefficient fluorescent and incandescent bulb light fixtures such as in the men's and women's bathrooms in the basement, Atrium washroom and Blair's and one other practice classrooms on the third floor. In addition, motion detection light sensors will be placed in the Atrium and Memorial Hall bathrooms. Installation of some storm windows on third floor music rooms.

Caulking for some of the music school operating windows.

Annual erection of weatherstripping cellophane on operating parlour storm windows.



Shining Waters Regional Council Regional Representative Report 2021 by Gloria Tozek

Annual meeting of SWRC was held on-line November 13, 2021.

A series of three town hall sessions was offered in the weeks leading up to the meeting to discuss the many proposals being presented.

Approval was given to continue the Social and Ecological Justice Commission.

Preparations for General Council 44 are underway. Part of the work of this regional meeting was to consider a wide variety of proposals for General Council. For example Decriminalization of Illicit Use of Substances for Personal Use and Harm Reduction, Raising Our Voice for Human Rights and Ministry Personnel Salary Equity (see the SWRC page for a complete list).

Rev. Betty Lou McNabb was installed as the new President. Rev. McNabb serves the Georgina Island United Church.

General Council 44 will be held entirely online this year between February 13 and

August 7th. See here for more information https://united-church.ca/news/general-council-44-begins-february-13?utm_source=E-Newsletters&utm_campaign=7e1d51ed1d-ES220125&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_53a49c9e28-7e1d51ed1d-188965257&goal=0_53a49c9e28-7e1d51ed1d-188965257&mc_cid=7e1d51ed1d&mc_eid=6c72c142bd



SHINING WATERS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
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AV Team Report 2021 by Rick Brown

* Team consists of

Irene Green running Powerpoint, setup and breakdown, Closed Captioning
Dave Duff cameras and recording video
Clive Bithell live sound
Harry Braun on camera July services
Alex Brown cameras and recording video for September through to
Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve
Stuart Todd, live sound a few times to start learning; more in 2022
Rick Brown, lead tech

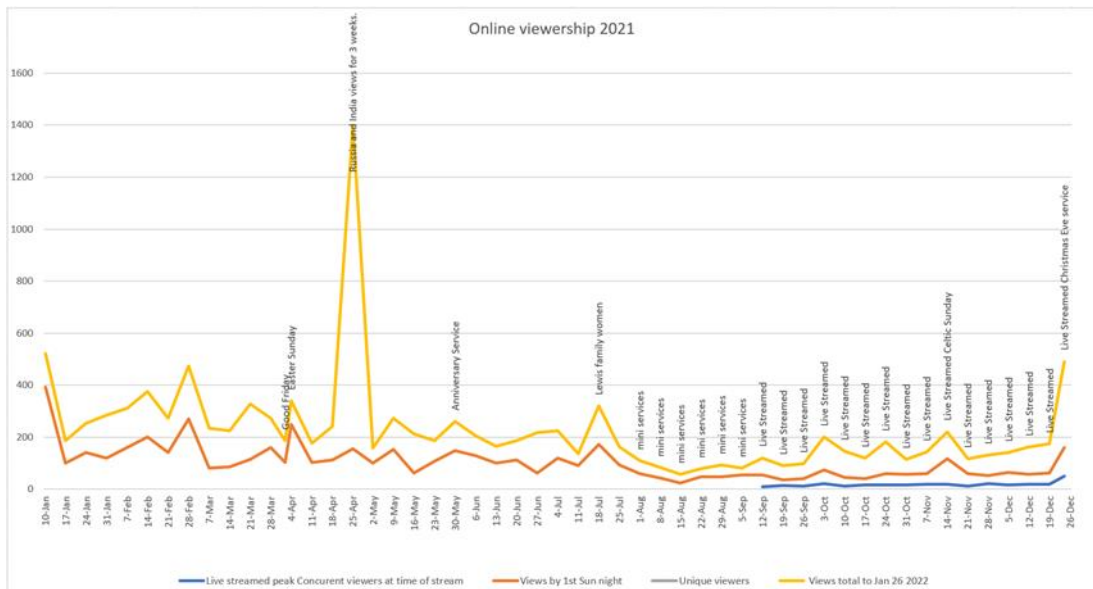
* Services: [St Paul's Orillia - YouTube](#)

January 3 to July 25, 2021, pre-recorded services

August 1 to September 5, pre-recorded mini services

September 12 to December 24 live streamed

Streamed eight Celebration of Life services



AV Report 2021 Continued

- * Recorded four virtual anthems with the choir
- * Created four Land Acknowledgement videos
- * Recorded a country rock band, livestreamed a vocal exam, livestreamed Orillia Concert Band concert

Updates:

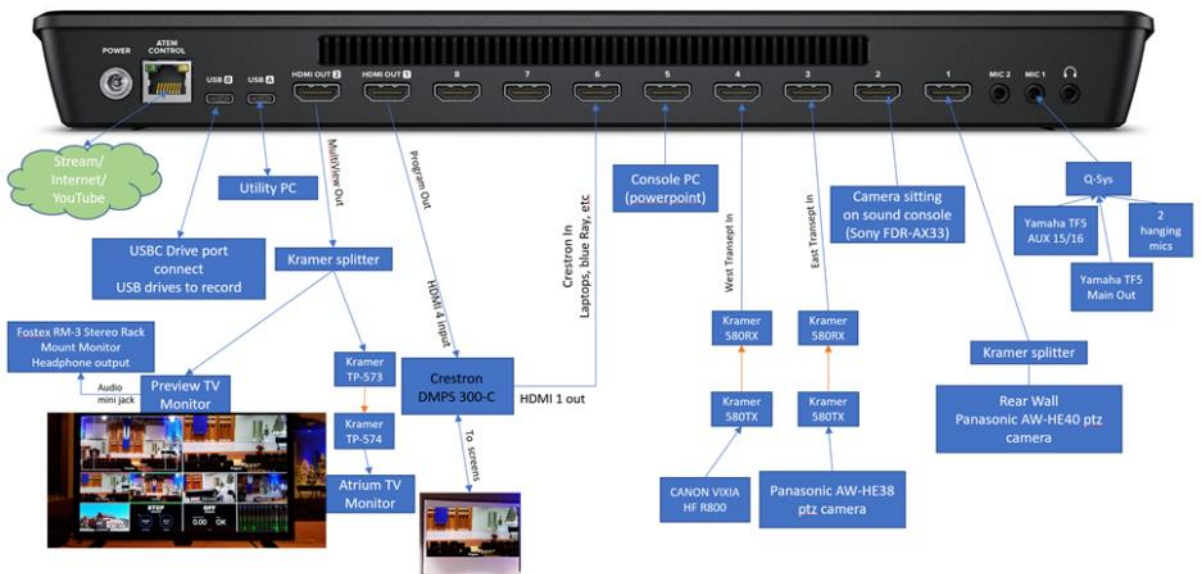
- February and April new amp and speaker cables for live stream audio – currently used in the Atrium
- * September - new camera for livestream, three microphones, cabling for audio
- * November – new 8 channel Atem mini extreme Pro – sold our 4 channel
- * December – new headphones for streaming



* Balancing the Audio for the stream in the Atrium. The iPad controlling the Audio.



Dec 2021 Atem Mini Extreme ISO setup



Pastoral Care Report 2021 by Sally Brady

Pastoral Care activities continued to flourish despite the on and off COVID restrictions which took place last year.

Thanks to the Phone Tree callers under the leadership of Team Leaders Ellen Sheepway, Susan Walma, Frances Flemming and Sally Brady who kept in touch with members and relayed any concerns to Ted in regular Zoom calls.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry made and delivered approximately 20 shawls and lap blankets to members and our thanks goes to Angie Lewis and her knitters for this tangible ministry.

Over 50 poinsettias were delivered to our congregants at home or in long-term care by Ted and several volunteers. The generosity of UCW1 members covered the cost of the plants again last year.

Sincere gratitude is given to our dear member, Shirley Johnson, who sent 'Get Well' and 'Thinking of You' cards throughout the year. We offer our love and prayers as Shirley continues on her final journey at Mariposa Hospice.

We grieve the death of two of our former committee members - Dave Barr and Bill Sherwin - who gave so much to the pastoral care ministry over many years.

Our committee members include Sue Braun, Barbara Duff (Secretary), Shirley Johnson, Beth McCall, Sally Brady (Co-Chair), Frances Flemming (Co-Chair).

We will continue to support our St. Paul's family in the safest way possible. Phone calls and hopefully! visits in 2022 may be requested by calling the church office.

Karen Hilfman-Millson enjoyed her prayer shawl!



Stewardship Committee Report 2021 by Lois Barrager

Members of the Stewardship Committee are: Danielle Todd, Faye Hunter, Joe Watt, Mayumi Kumagai, Rev. Dr. Ted Reeve, and Lois Barrager (chair).

Stewardship has met once a month via Zoom for the year 2021. We planned activities to support the financial goals of St. Paul's. This proved to be a difficult task during January, February and March as the COVID lock-down was a very fluid situation.

As the weather turned warmer, we were able to be more involved. The following is a list of what we were able to accomplish:

Each month a person or group was chosen as "Volunteer of the Month". The selection is made to acknowledge outstanding work that has been accomplished.

Mayumi Kumagai sold Vista cards each month.

The online entertainment site "Mass Hysteria" featuring Colin Mochrie was made available to members of St. Paul's for the month of April.

We worked co-operatively with Eco-Justice/Social Action and endorsed a Lenten Challenge to "Save a Loonie a Day", proceeds were donated to the Food Bank and Community Garden.

Anniversary Appeal, geranium sales and a drive-by dinner were held in May with proceeds going towards the Atrium roof.

Season of Commitment was held in November along with a drive-by dinner. Proceeds went towards the 'Ramp it up' Campaign.

Christmas Ornaments sale went well.

Many thanks to John Jefferies, Cathy Marshall and Pauline Radmore for their assistance with some of these events.

Spiritual Growth/Christian Education coordinated by Gloria Tozek

Library/Resource Activity Room

- * Former Library downsized and relocated next door to the Bradley Room.
- * Name changed to Resource Activity Room.
- * New books added to collection and various activities planned.
- * Easy method of borrowing and returning books.
- * Resource Room open during office hours.



Memorial Hall transformed into Learning Commons

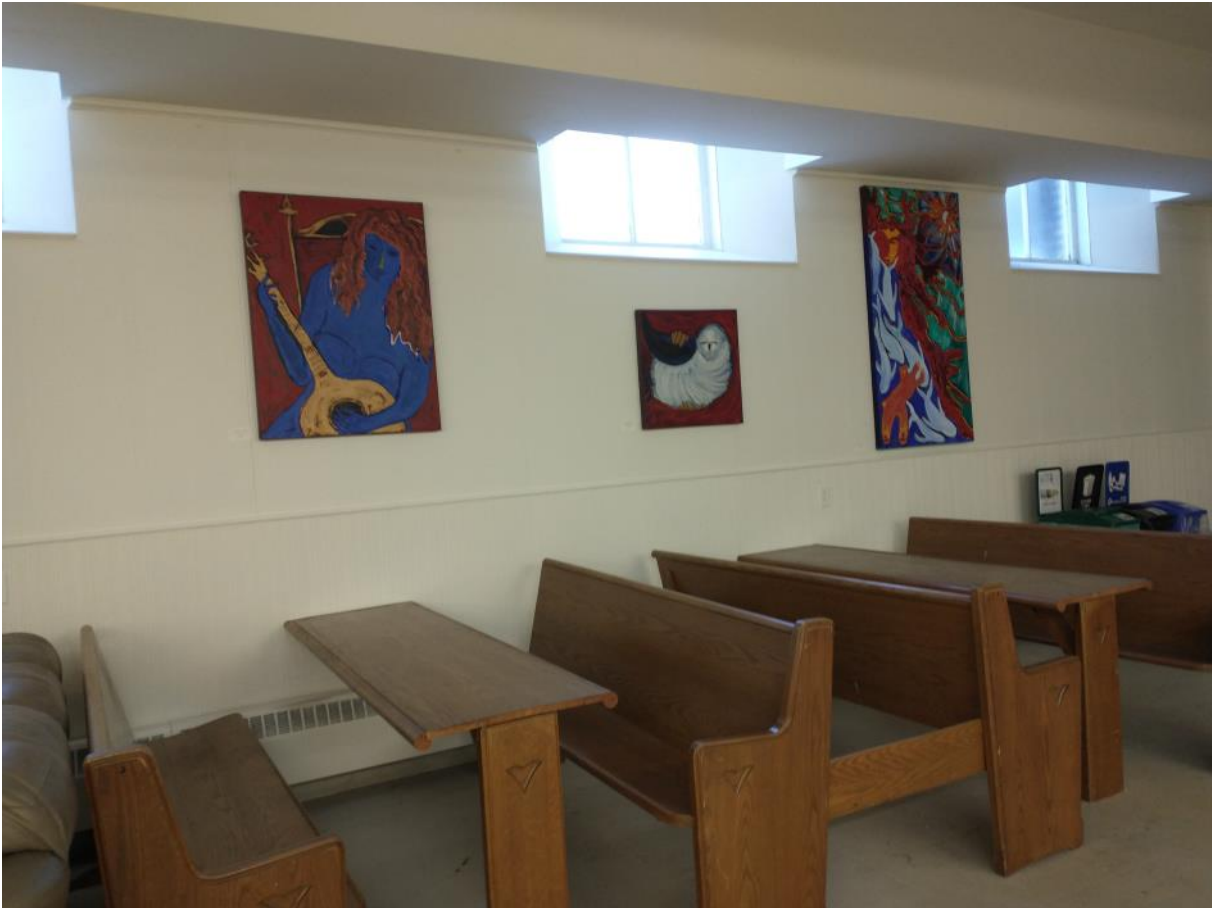
- * Paint and new furnishing created an inviting, flexible, multi-purpose space.
- * In November, the space was used to host a ministers' group working with Bill Phipps, Ted Reeve and Gloria Tozek on a national initiative engaging the United Church in the work toward the common good.
- * Focus in 2022 will be hosting local initiatives seeking the common good.



Spiritual Growth Report 2021 Continued

Adult Education

- * Five people attended a series of seven discussion sessions based on the Living the Questions series.
- * Continuing Learning Circle meetings on various books, plus a discussion group on the Lakehead University Third Age Learning series.



Spiritual Growth Report 2021 Continued

Children and Youth

- * Various outdoor opportunities to get together.
- * Enjoyable weekend away at camp in the fall.
- * Pictures are worth 1000 words.



Spiritual Growth Report 2021 Continued



UCW Unit #2 Report 2021 by Ellen Sheepway

Unit # 2 UCW continued to meet monthly via Zoom in 2021 with a short summer hiatus. Our meetings, which occur on the third Tuesday (afternoon) each month, were more of a check in with people. We talked about our families including our grandchildren, physical and creative pursuits and health. In the past, we met in members' homes and enjoyed discussing a topic of interest followed by refreshments supplied by one of our members. We are looking forward to resuming this format again sometime this year when it is safe to do so.

There are currently 15 members in our Unit. Anyone interested in finding out more about Unit 2 UCW can contact Ellen Sheepway at sheepwayellen@gmail.com or by phone at 705-305-6683.

Photo to the right is from a dinner in November, so exciting to get together in person again!

Photo below is how most of our meetings looked this year.



UCW Unit #1 Report

UCW Unit 1 is waiting patiently to return to meetings. We were happy to support several St. Paul's initiatives during 2021, including the annual poinsettia buying.

St. Paul's United Church Balance Sheet

December 31, 2021

Assets

Current Assets

TD Chequing Account	161,326
Refundable HST	8,496
Total Assets	169,822

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	238
CEBA Loan	40,000
National Eco-commoning Renewal	13,276
Choir	1,601
UCW	3,816
Broadview Magazine Subscription	1,380
Total Liabilities	60,311

Equity

Opening Balance Equity	(42,977)
Unrestricted Net Assets	68,210
Net Income	84,278
Total Equity	109,511

Total Liabilities and Equity 169,822

St. Paul's United Church Statement of General Operations

January 1 to December 31, 2021

INCOME	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
Offering	249,500	241,615
Memorial donations	3,000	7,312
Fundraising	17,410	17,672
Facility Rentals	44,000	47,110
Solar Panels	3,100	3,352
Anniversary appeal	20,000	12,256
Lenten appeal	-	843
Grants-Greening	9,449	4,995
-CFOA	6,500	6,500
-Trustees	1,000	797
-CFOA (Eco-justice)	-	2,600
-Eco-Commons	5,347	1,775
TOTAL INCOME	359,306	346,827

Additional Notes:

The amount for the Ramp It Up campaign including grants and donations is \$84,536.
The amount donated to Mission and Service is \$28,871.

**St. Paul's United Church Statement of General Operations
January 1 to December 31, 2021 Continued**

EXPENSES	2021 BUDGET	2021 ACTUAL
Personnel	282,767	278,012
Facility Management		
-Utilities	23,672	22,300
-Maintenance	16,853	19,713
-Insurance	18,182	15,933
Operations (AV)	4,500	3,893
Office and administration	10,431	11,058
Capital-Exterior Signs	4,000	4,016
-Atrium Roof	16,000	31,543
-Greening	9,449	4,995
-Programs-Worship	4,185	3,922
-Congregational life	250	250
-Spiritual Growth	250	705
-Eco-Justice	1,000	2,556
Leadership-Regional Fees	15,937	15,938
-Other	100	-
-Eco-Commons	5,347	1,775
TOTAL EXPENSES	412,923	416,609
INCOME/EXPENSES	(53,617)	(69,782)
Plus: Wage subsidy	8,000	27,433
Federal CEBA Grant	10,000	10,000
ON Small Biz Grant	20,000	40,000
BALANCE	(\$15,617)	\$7,651

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