

BRIDGENORTH
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2022 BUC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER; Chairperson; Ian Deslaurier

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Cathy Gradante

ELECTION for Recording Secretary for AGM

ELECTION for Chairperson for AGM

Motion of Acceptance of Voting Members/Adherents

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA

APPROVAL of Previous Meeting Minutes (found in Annual Report)

A WORD from Reverend Cathy

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS of Committees Under Church Council:

CHAIR: We invite the chairperson of the following committees to bring forward their report. If any Committee members wish to add information to their Chairperson's report, please feel free to raise your hand after your Chairperson has delivered their share of the report.

1. Finance Committee: Lane Vance - Treasurer's Report, Envelope Steward, 2022 Budget

2. Church Council Report: Steve Kirton

3. Board of Trustees: Lois Moore

4. Ministry and Personnel Committee: Sue Pettersone

5. Worship and Faith Development: Sharon Baptie

6. Reopening Committee: Sharon Baptie

6. Outreach and Justice: Patty Latour/Anna Thompson

7. Property: Jim Thompson

8. Communications: Dennis Craig

9. Nominating Committee: Sandi Deslaurier

10. Prayer Shawl Ministry: Sybille Sterling

11. Membership and Pastoral Care: Sandi Deslauriers

12. UCW: Jane Kirkwood

REPORTS of INDIVIDUALS UNDER CHURCH COUNCIL

ECORC Representative: Ian Deslauriers

Archives: Beth Chambers

Changes in the Church Family: Rev Cathy Gradante

Cemetery Report: Lois Moore

Choir report: Wendy Dunits

Tarnished Angels report: Ian Deslaurier

Library Report: Karen Wier

Event Dates for 2022

CHAIR: Acceptance of Reports; I now bring a motion to the floor to have all the above reports accepted as given. Second motion.... Those in favor....

Motion for Adjournment

Benediction

Thank You

Minutes: BRIDGENORTH UNITED CHURCH 2021 AGM

MINUTES (BY Zoom)

FEBRUARY16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER; Chairperson; Steve Kirton @ 7 pm

OPENING PRAYER: Rev. Bob Root

ELECTION for Recording Secretary for AGM – Jane Kirkwood and ELECTION for Chairperson for AGM – Steve Kirton

-Motioned by acceptance Wendy Dunits, motion carried

HOUSEKEEPING – mute microphones unless you wish to speak,

-it is assumed that everyone has access to the 2019 ANNUAL REPORT which is available electronically* and have read it, thus committee chairs will only give brief statements during the meeting and answer questions

*paper Annual AGM reports will be available at the church in the next few days.

ACCEPTANCE of AGENDA- motioned by Heather Sanders, approved by all.

APPROVAL of Previous Annual Meeting Minutes (found in Annual Report) by Anna Thompson, seconded by Sue Lickowski, carried by all.

REPORTS of Committees Under Church Council:

CHAIR: We invite the chairperson of the following committees to bring forward their reports If any Committee members wish to add information to their Chairperson's report, please feel free to raise your hand after your Chairperson has delivered their share of the report.

1.Finance Committee: Lane Vance - Treasurer's Report, Envelope Steward, Memorial Financial Summary – from submitted power point

Slide 1: Finished 2020 in good financial shape Staff savings June Retirement & September part time minister No custodian for three quarters of the year Deferrals of capital maintenance items Lost fundraisers – funding & fellowship Support from the congregation and community Established solid food bank reserve Strong advent giving's once again this year

Slide 2: Approach for 2021 Budget - Strong advent giving's once again Assuming stable offerings and modest donations Increased staffing costs Full time minister beginning in May New janitorial opportunities/partnership Capital maintenance items completed in Q2 and Q3 Some special donations with proposed draw on building fund Resumption of more typical church operations by Q4 Fundraising opportunities possible Opportunities in the new normal ; Note Mission & Service Covenant Amount Confirmed

- The food bank donations resulted in a \$20000 reserve; these funds were specifically donated by people to the food bank i.e. Service Clubs
- Mission and Service will be less in 2021, in 2020 the used refugee monies were transferred to Mission and Service resulted in a higher amount of funds.
- 2021 budget made with the assumption in person church would be resuming.
- 2021 will see a rise in expenses for property maintenance and personal with a full-time minister and more custodian hours.
- T4 's will be emailed to those with email access.

Motion to approve the Financial Statement by Jim Thompson, seconded by Heather Sanders and carried by all

Motion to approve the 2021 Operating Budget by Joe Latour, seconded by Ruth Dalton and carried by all

Motion to approve the Mission and Service Convince specified in the Budget by Anna Thompson, seconded by Carol Holder and carried by all.

2.Church Council Report: Steve Kirton

3.Board of Trustees: Lois Moore, Ray Render gave a statement about the columbarium and new plots at the Bridgenorth Cemetery, the resolution of slip and fall claim has been settled through insurance (names and details are confidential)

4.Ministry and Personnel Committee and Minister Search Team: Sue Pettersone

5.Worship and Faith Development: Sharon Baptie- note add Jim Thompson's name should be included as a member of the church reopening committee.

- church not ready to reopen at this time due to COVID 19

6.Outreach and Justice: Patty Latour/Anna Thompson

Much of the work of the committee has be the Food Bank. The Food Bank reserve funds utilized to provide fresh produce in the hampers, improve the storage area with better shelving etc., buy a new fridge/freezer, make the food bank more self sufficient and to sustain it when donations decrease. The Food Bank has a budget.

A number of people took the Indigenous Canada online course.

7.Property: Jim Thompson – see AGM Report

Jim Thompson reported on church service recording – need for more data storage and discussion of what data needs to be saved,

- there are between 40 to 60 views of service each week, viewers are from around the globe, the BUC congregation are requesting continue. service recordings after in person church resumes

8.Communications: Dennis Craig

9.Nominating Committee: Barb Jinkerson, see report and add Jane Kirkwood's name to the list.

-Thanks to Paul Bodrug and Sue Dennison for their service to the church

10.Prayer Shawl Ministry: Sybille Sterling

11.Membership and Pastoral Care: Sandi Deslauriers – Jessie Bennet has taken on the role of sending out cards to the bereaved, shut ins, people who are ill and those who are over 80 and have birthdays.

- church should consider having an events committee,

- will discuss who is to administer church rentals at the next council meeting

REPORTS of INDIVIDUALS UNDER CHURCH COUNCIL

United Church Women: Jane Kirkwood

Presbytery Representative: Ian Deslauriers

Archives: Beth Chambers – no report

Changes in the Church Family: Rev. Bob Root

Minister's Message: Rev. Bob Root – need to consider the lives of those who have passed, those who have been baptized and the fact that some have joined the church.

Missing from the 2020 AGM report and needed in future reports: A list of changes to the church family in the AGM report, in the past provided by Rev. Anne; a list of committees and their members; the last page listing coming events at the church

Motion to accept the report made by Doug Hagen, seconded by Ian Deslaurier and carried by all.

INTRODUCTION of New Minister – Rev Cathy Gradante

Motion for Adjournment made by Dennis Craig, seconded by Heather Sanders and carried by all at 9:14 pm

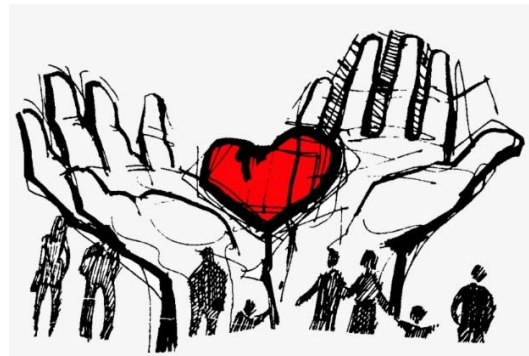
Benediction Bob Root

Thank You

Appendix I: Attendance

Jane Kirkwood, Carol Holder, Sue Lickowski, Y. Hunter, Doug Hagen, Dennis Craig, Barb Jinkerson, Linda and Wayne Guppy, Patti and Joe Latour, Bob Root, Wendy Dunits, Effie, Ian and Sandi Deslaurier, Heather Sanders, Ray and Barb Render, Sharon Baptie, Jim and Anna Thompson, Lane Vance, Ruth Dalton, Sue and Barry Pettersone, Paul Bodrug, Steve Kirton

A Word from Reverend Cathy



“Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.” Psalm 31:24

This has certainly been a time like no other in our corporate memory...and we've had to adapt to the changes that this pandemic has brought into our lives in a hurry – with varying degrees of success!

And that's okay! Change is hard at the best of times and 2021 has delivered more than its fair share of challenges.

One of those changes was a change in pastoral ministry as I began my call to serve with you at Bridgenorth United in May of 2021! What a joy and a privilege to enter into ministry together in this extraordinary time in the life of this faith community and our world! I've met many of you in person or by phone by now and look forward to continuing to build relationships with all of you as we grow in faith together in our ministry. God's grace and love will surely guide us as we live into our call to discipleship.

God has certainly been at the forefront of our decision to offer our worship services through social media and hardcopy and email – because in this way we have answered our call to “love

our neighbour as ourselves.” As we continued to offer an online format for worship, we also shared in faith formation and community in similar ways through book studies and video learning opportunities.

God has also been present in our joys and celebrations – in the worship of our young families at our Rally Sunday when we were FINALLY! able to return to in person services for a few months! And again, for Children’s Sunday in November when we welcomed Dr. Joy into our sanctuary. And just before we had to return to virtual worship, our children brought us the Christmas Story once again with love & laughter!

In many ways, we still continue to wait on the Lord – to allow us to return to a new “normal” – to worship & work together once more in community with one another – to share a handshake and a hug, to share in singing our praise with voices raised. Until that time, we will continue to wait with hope and expectation for the God of Love and Light to guide us in our ministry.

May we be illuminated in the Light of Christ to love and serve one another with generosity and grace and take comfort in God’s presence in all the circumstances of life.

In hope & faith,

Rev. Cathy Gradante

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Discussion re: future adoption of COVID protocols pursuant to the report of the re-opening committee
- b) Vision and Mission Statement: Adoption of new statements from workshop services
- c) Fundraising initiatives and assignment of coordinators
- d) New Horizons for seniors grant- update and nomination of committee members
- e) Nominations report addendum: Approval of new committee members

Treasurer's Financial Report

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Notice to Reader

The guidelines as established in the United Church of Canada Financial Handbook have been utilized in preparing this report.

Thanks are extended to Wendy Dunits and Joe Latour with respect to cash receipts processing and ongoing e-mail communications. Special thanks are also extended to Joe Latour for his support and availability for cheque signing. Also to Wendy Dunits for her ongoing work as Envelope Steward of the pastoral charge.

An annual financial review will be completed related to all financial matters related to these statements prior to the annual meeting.

The Treasurer's Financial Report is respectfully provided to the Congregation of Bridgenorth United Church for their review and acceptance.

R. Lane Vance

Contents: See Appendix 1

Balance Sheet

Operating Fund - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Building Fund - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Memorial Fund - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Mission & Service Fund - Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Notes to Financial Report

2022 Budget

Envelope Stewards Report

The following are statistics of those donating to the church through their church envelopes, PAR and or other.

\$1 - \$100 7	\$101 - \$200 2	\$201 - \$300 9	\$301 - \$400 4	\$401 - \$500 2
\$501 - \$750 8	\$751 - \$1000 11	\$1001 - \$1500 16	\$1501 - \$2500 23	\$2501 + 12

There were in the year 2021, 48 households using PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) as their method of giving. We can arrange for you too to use this method as it assures the treasurer of a set offering each month. Great for when you are away as it is taken out monthly. Please speak to Wendy if you wish to have this method of "offering" set up for you. Your PAR giving can easily be changed by letting Wendy know any changes you wish to make.

Please be sure to always use your correct envelope number and if you are unsure what that is then always put your name on the envelope.

Those on PAR have a number also.

Also added to ways of giving - on line through "Canada Helps" These receipts have totaled \$2630.00 for 2021 and are receipted by Canada Helps and not through the envelopes. We are very appreciative of all your givings.

Thank you!

Income tax receipts will be ready for pick up at the end of February and those not picked up will be mailed. For those with an e-mail address receipts will be sent by e-mail. If you have any questions regarding your tax receipt please call the office at 705-292-9601 and speak to me. Please keep your e-mail address up to date with the church office. bucoffice@nexicom.net

Respectfully submitted by
Wendy Dunits, Envelope Secretary

Council Chair Report

2021 was the 179th year of operations for BUC, a milestone that gets more impressive with each passing year. Rev. Anne's permanent replacement as you all know by now is Cathy Gradante, who officially started in May as our "virtual minister" and has only really had an opportunity to deliver her services to actual "bums-in-seats" audiences since the fall, and only then intermittently given the most recent shut down just before Christmas.

Cathy, together with Jim Thompson and with the pandemic as a catalyst, has led the move towards a new way of engaging with the congregation, and indeed with the entire global community through "live streaming" of the weekly Sunday services. After some time spent recording and posting services online, the church has elevated these capabilities through a modest investment in equipment combined with Jim's stellar technical prowess, to facilitate watching of our services on "live TV"!! So anyone in the world can now tune in on Facebook. If you're really tech savvy at home you can "cast" the livestream from your phone onto a TV so it really is just like watching "Hockey Night in Canada", sort of...

After two years of council meetings being conducted virtually over "Zoom" I can say this technology really has helped keep the ball rolling in terms of seamless conducting of the affairs of the church. Really it's been rather painless and I even wonder at this point if there will be an appetite amongst some council members to returning to get in the car to drive through the winter nights to the meetings. The jury is out on that one as I write.

Naturally, to suggest the pandemic has altered activities of BUC would be a profound understatement. More than anything the glue that has proven to bind us together during these times consists of the pre-recorded/live Sunday services produced by Jim Thompson, and featuring Reverend Cathy, Wendy Dunits, Sue Liczkowski, Ian Deslauriers, and others. I'm sure I speak for everyone in heaping abundant accolades onto them for their continued efforts. Finally a big THANK YOU as well to all our other council and committee members that help keep our building and church family running smoothly all through the year in spite of it all. I can say with humility that I continue to learn from you all and will look forward to a continuing discourse in '22, hopefully with "Bums-in-seats" and minus the masks!

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Kirton - Council chair

Board of Trustees

Board Members are Sec. Karen Weir, Edith Bell, Sharon Baptie, Carol Forsythe, Larry Jinkerson,

Honoray: Bob Hardill, Co Chairs Ray Render, Lois Moore

Again we have to say it has been an unusual year.

Yet Again we can say it has been a pretty eventful Church year.

With the continued involvement and encouragement of the whole congregation,
The Church has continued to work within our community and beyond.

With the many capable volunteers and great leadership we have been able to
keep journeying along.

The Cemetery is ready for the future, with the new additional graves and newest of 3
Total Columbariums. We appreciate the Caretakers work and upkeep.

We look forward to the new year ahead and our continued agreement with Trent Child Care.

Thank you to all Trustees for their continued support to the Church and Cemetery.

Respectfully Submitted, Lois Moore and Ray Render

Ministry and Personnel

2021 has come and gone and 2022 is upon us. . It was another year of change at BUC.

Rev. Bob Root led worship and provided pastoral care until the end of April. It was the first time in Bob's career that he did not preach in front of a live congregation during his tenure. We gave him a send off - he wanted it kept low key and he "paddled off" to enjoy the summer with some gifts and our gratitude.

Rev. Cathy Gradante arrived in May, full of enthusiasm and joy. We are so thrilled she is here. She has been able to move from tape recorded services to live streaming on Sunday mornings and then back to recorded services. Her flexibility, creativity and genuine love of God and people are evident. We are a very fortunate community of faith.

Reopening for in-person worship meant we needed to engage a custodian. TC Elmourne is cleaning the main floor including the sanctuary and offices weekly. He is pleased to have joined us and we are more than satisfied with his work. The daycare folks continue to manage their own cleaning requirements.

Wendy continues to adapt our music program! Ian, Sue, Dennis and Wendy work very closely with Rev. Cathy to integrate the music and the results are wonderful. Many thanks to the entire worship team and othes who have contributed to our worship services. Wendy also continues to provide administrative support to the church family and all of her contributions are greatly appreciated.

M&P has provided 2022 salary recommendations to Lane for budget purposes.

Finally, many thanks to Paul, Karen, Deb and Barb for your hard work this challenging year. We say a fond farewell to Karen and Deb as they rotate off the committee this next year and we look forward to bringing some new members onto the team.

Blessings and respectfully submitted by Sue Petterson

Worship Committee

It has certainly been another crazy year! We would never have expected that when our new Minister, Rev. Cathy began with Bridgenorth United Church, that we would still be doing Video Services ?!

We were so blessed to have Rev. Bob Root with us, to transition between Rev. Anne and Rev. Cathy. His care, concern and wonderful sense of humour definitely helped with the transition and the stress of Covid 19. We were able to have a few people attend the Video Service on Rev. Bob's final service, and presented him with some gifts from Bridgenorth United Church. Rev. Cathy began her journey with BUC, on Sunday May 1st, and at that time we were still holding our video services with our wonderful Worship team. Thank you to the team for an amazing job and keeping our Congregation connected!!

We opened the Sanctuary, using Public Health Covid-19 Protocols on Sept. 12. Thank you to all our reopening Committee volunteers, that help to screen, etc. and keep all our congregation safe, each Sunday morning!

Rev Cathy's services are always enjoyable, and we have had some very memorable Children's services, including a couple of Baptisms. The sound of the children's joy and laughter in the Sanctuary once again, certainly warms the sole :)

Rev. Cathy hosted a fun video/craft morning at the Church for the children and families, as well as an evening of carolling around the village, to help us get ready for the Christmas season, and fun was had by all!

We were so lucky to enjoy Rev. Cathy's Christmas Services; including the Advent services, Christmas Calm, and the Children's Pageant, before we unfortunately had to close the Sanctuary again, with the increase of Covid numbers. We look forward to meeting again in person, once it is safe to do so. We will be making an announcement by email, website, Facebook and by mail, once we feel we are able to open the Sanctuary once again. Please be safe, and we hope to see you all soon!

God Bless
Sharon Baptie

Committee Members:

Rev. Cathy Gradante

Sharon Baptie (Chair) Wendy Dunits (Choir Director) Moira Vance, Sue Liczkowski, Sandra Stewart, Ruth Dalton, Heather Sanders, Tanna Edwards, Lois Moore (Jr. Church)

Reopening of Bridgenorth United Church

As we are all well aware of, Covid-19 is still affecting our daily lives, and it looks like it will continue to do so, for a while.

After about a year and a half of online services, we were able to open our doors again, on Sept. 12 for in person worship. We follow, **very closely,** the **Public Health Covid 19 protocols,** and our main objective, is to keep everyone safe and enjoy our "in Sanctuary" worship services. With proof of a double Covid Vaccine and being screened at the door for Covid symptoms and Contact tracing, we were successful in keeping everyone safe!

Unfortunately our “in Sanctuary” services were short lived, and we were needing to close for in person worship, again after the Services on Sunday Dec. 19, due to increased Covid numbers in our area.

On Sunday Feb. 8th we reopened, yet again, for in person Worship, with the same protocols in place. We were all relieved to be back, and hoping that we will continue to stay open, as Covid numbers are hopefully starting to decline.

As certain mandates are starting to open up such as public places starting to drop the proof of vaccinations, increasing numbers allowed in side, etc., the Reopening Committee met, by Zoom on Tuesday March 1st, to decide if we should be changing our Protocols for Sunday services. **It was decided (6 voting in agreement and 2 abstaining), that we keep our current Protocols in place, until we can discuss it further with the Congregation at our Annual Meeting on Sunday April 3rd.** At that point, we will be looking for feedback from the Congregation, on whether we are willing to open things up again, with no restrictions.

A huge thank you to our reopening committee volunteers who helped every Sunday to keep our congregation safe! Without these dedicated members, we would not have been able to meet in person on Sunday Mornings.

** Please remember, as well, that the protocols that we have put in place, follow the Public Health and Government Rules. These protocols are to keep everyone safe. Please be patient and hopefully we can get back to a more normal way of worship soon.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PATIENCE, STAY SAFE!

Sharon Baptie- Reopening Committee Chair,

Members of the Committee:

Rev. Cathy Gradante

Sharon Baptie, Chair

Patty Latour, Sandi Deslauriers, Heather Sanders, Wendy Dunits,

Jim Thompson, Ruth Dalton Steve Kirton

Outreach & Justice Committee and Food Bank

In 2021 the 6 members of the Outreach & Justice Committee were Patty Latour and Anna Thompson (co-chairs), Linda Guppy, Sandra Forsey, Donna Mackey and Deb McCutcheon.

Our BUC Food Bank has 20 amazing volunteers, a combination of members of our congregation and members of our community – truly a community endeavor. We are known for our friendly, personalized and non-judgmental service. Thank you to everyone for your dedication and compassion.

In 2021, BUC started including the **Curve Lake First Nation Land Acknowledgement** at the beginning of services and council meetings.

Our committee donated \$215 to the United Church of Canada Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation Fund.

Food Bank - During the Covid pandemic, the BUC Food Bank has remained open every Tuesday. We have seen a 30% increase in the number of households needing to visit our food bank in the last year. Two years ago, before the pandemic, we were averaging 30 to 32 households per month and now we are averaging 50 to 52 households per month. The good news is that the congregation and the community have responded with overwhelming support. We are blessed with generous donations including groceries, money and gift cards.

Winter Food Drive – MPP Dave Smith’s Winter Food Drive was on November 27, 2021 at John’s Independent Grocer in Bridgenorth. It was the most successful food drive in Peterborough County. Thank everyone!

Provincial Funding – The food bank received a Provincial grant to assist with the costs of increased demand and operational adjustments required due to Covid impacts. The funds were used to construct additional, more sturdy shelving in our food storage area (labour donated by Gil Sperry and Larry Ross). We also used the grant to have 4 large mobile shelving carts custom made for the food hampers. We heed 20 hampers totally 80 bags of groceries available each week.

The end of December, we were grateful to receive another Provincial Grant to be utilized in 2022.

The BUC Food Bank is not financially dependent on the Church Operating Account for funding. About 70% – 75% of our inventory comes from Kawartha Food Share, so to provide a good variety of healthy foods and toiletry items we continue to need donations of money and groceries. The congregation and community have been wonderful in their support of the BUC Food Bank ministry.

Respectfully Submitted
Patty Latour and Anna Thompson
Co-chairs, Outreach & Justice Committee

Property Committee

While the Church Council has been able to meet virtually, most of the Property Committee members do not have computers or internet access, so the Property Committee has not held meetings since the pandemic lockdown. However, we are in regular contact by phone the property maintenance has continued. Some of the issues dealt with are:

- The “Be An Angel” stable display was installed again by Gil Sperry, Larry Ross and Jim Thompson. The stable will be taken down when the snow and ice melts.
- The Nexicom internet and phone connection was upgraded to a Fibre optic connection, providing significantly faster upload and download speeds. The timing of this upgrade matched the installation of the Live Streaming video system.
- Jim Thompson installed equipment at the sound board to provide service video recordings and live streaming to Facebook. Jim Thompson has been training Steve Kirton and Jeff Julian to operate the video and Live Streaming system.
- Jim Thompson has also been busy with service recordings, editing and posting to Facebook and website.
- The shingles on the Manse and Manse Garage were replaced by Feeney roofing in December.
- The 2nd floor toilet in the Manse was replaced by Jim Thompson.

- The church office computer was replaced with an updated computer donated to BUC by Tanna Edwards.
- WIFI use by Trent Childcare for virtual learning identified issues with the network switch and ethernet cables. Jim Thompson replaced the switch and printer ethernet cables reconfigured the router to eliminate IP conflicts.

Submitted by: Jim Thompson

Communications

The committee hasn't been busy during 2021 for obvious reasons but of course that's starting to change. The previous chair Paul Bodrug submitted a list of contacts and the committee has been visiting and updating them as required. As we get back to normal we expect to be much busier from here on out!

Dennis Craig

Nominating Committee

Membership and Pastoral Care Committee has taken on the responsibility of the Nomination Committee duties for the year 2022. We have received reports from all the committees regarding their needs for 2022 and have begun the process of recruiting new members for the committees.

Respectfully submitted, Sandi Deslauriers

Prayer Shawl Committee

No report

Membership and Pastoral Care

Membership and Pastoral Care Committee have met in person or on "Zoom" depending on Covid restrictions and closures. We have continued to make contact with all church members and adherents without computers to find out how they were doing and to keep them up to date with church information and updates.

The UCW dissolved this year and Jane Kirkwood was welcomed to our committee. Through the pandemic restrictions we have been able to keep our Birthday Cards to our "over 80's" and cards have been sent to those needing thoughts and prayer during illnesses, and we are sending out sympathy cards to those who have lost loved ones.

Our prayer chain led by Carol Holder has been very busy with many dedicated folks praying for those needing to know they are being prayed for every day during difficult times. Jessie Bennett has taken on the responsibility of keeping in touch with our shut-ins by phone and cards. Women's Coffee Hour and a study "Breakthrough Moments" were run via Zoom. Ruth Begbie has taken on the task of ordering and distributing the "Upper Room".

We delivered over 30 Christmas Cheer and goodie bags to folks in our congregation with limited or no internet connection to our church services. We are looking forward to more gatherings and activities as Covid restrictions are loosened and reduced.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandi Deslauriers, Chair of Membership and Pastoral Care
UCW report for 2021 AGM

It was with regret that the BUC UCW unit closed due to declining and aging membership. On Sunday, November 21, 2021 the church celebrated the long history of the it's UCW and the numerous contributions that the UCW has made to not only the church in Bridgenorth but also to the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund. Members of the UCW were honored with presentations by Rev. Cathy Gradante and the past president of the National UCW, Nancy Sutherland. Members were given a pink rose and a token of appreciation, by the church.

East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Report

We are part of the new East Central Ontario Region of the United Church of Canada. The short form for this region is ECOR. Due to COVID 19 we have only met as separate committee groups since 2020.

As your representative on this Council I continue to be involved with the property committee.

The other activities that require attention from Council members include: management of lay and ordained ministers; ensuring churches maintain records of membership; assisting churches with the search for new ministers; Continuing education of ministers and lay leaders in church issues and activities.

A number of United Church activities and programs have now been placed on-line and I encourage members to check out their web site at <https://united-church.ca/enewsletters>. This site offers you the opportunity to keep abreast with what is happening in our larger Church community.

As a member of the property committee I can tell you that we have been quite busy. Each year we deal with closings, amalgamations and disposal of church properties. This year has been no different.

Several churches have decided to amalgamate or close with the result that ECORC has received some of the funds and property from these church activities. All of the funds allocated to ECORC remain in our Region for ongoing support activities with all churches.

Having seen what other churches experience in the way of financial and membership struggles, I am truly grateful for the membership and activities here a Bridgenorth United Church. We continue to be looked upon for advice and leadership from our larger church community.

Submitted by Ian Deslauriers

Archives

No report

Changes in the church family

Baptisms

Shae Nicole Anne Kirton daughter of Mark and Nicole Kirton born January 30,2021 and baptized November 14, 2021

Emmet James Edward McCarrell son of Michael John McCarell and Nicole Marie Baptie born March 18, 2021 and baptized November 21, 2021

Marriages

Dirk Ewoud de Lange and Ashley Elaine Fawcett were wed on October 23, 2021

Funerals

Elizabeth (Betty) Alice Doran died July 3, 2021, funeral July 9, 2021

Norma Joanne McAllister died December 7, 2021, funeral December 13, 2021

Cemetery Financial Report

Bank Balance 2020..... 12,406.15

Expenses 2021:

Scotia Care Fund	6800.00	
O&C Graves (6) Crem. (3) Niches (4).....	4915.50	
Caretaker Grass	3754.20	
Columbarium Landscaping,.....	4065.40	
Bereavement Association License.....	Not Req'd (Covid)	
Sec/Treasurer Honourarium/Expenses.....	2400.00	
Inscription Niches(5).._....._....._.....	2416.00	
Corner posts ..(4 sets).....	452.00	
Total.....	24,803.10	- 24,803.10
		- 12,396.95

Income 2021:

Scotia Trust C & M (2021).....	1803.00	
Sale of Niche(5) Incl.C&M,.....	13,425.00	
Sale of Graves (5) Incl.C&M+CP's,O&C's.....	8400.00	
Open & Close of Graves(6).....	4600.00	
In Ground Cremation (3) Niche(4)	2500.00	
Care & Maintenance Mon (6)	600.00	
Total.....	31,328.00	+31,328.00

Bank Balance Dec.30, 2021 18,931.05

Respectfully Submitted by Lois Moore

Choir Report 

Well maybe, just maybe we will be back soon!

Oh how I miss the folks that rehearse and produce such a joyous “gift of music”

How thankful I am to have Ian, Sue, Dennis and Cathy participate and help lead the music.

A few of us gathered to put together some special music for the Advent Season. They were Ian Deslauriers, Sue Liczkowski, Dennis Craig, Beth Chambers, Anna and Jim Thompson and Nancy Paisley. Thank you!

We look forward to when we can all gather to worship & sing together and share in fellowship once again! It will be so!

Submitted by Wendy Dunits

Tarnished Angels Report



Although we have not met due to Covid our group provided a recorded worship time in August of 2021.

We need to be considering rehearsing again and bringing our gift of music to the worship services sooner than later!

Respectfully submitted by

Wendy Dunits

LIBRARY REPORT

Your Church Library was closed for over a year and a half, but we opened in November 2021.

This past summer, we were pleased to have the opportunity to display a sizable collection of Indigenous themed books on behalf of the East Central Ontario Region Conference Respectful Relationships and Indigenous Justice Ministry. Utilizing the funds from a generous donation by the Drew family in memory of Helen Drew, we are currently adding to this collection with more current books, primarily by Indigenous authors.

We encourage all members of the congregation to visit your library and take advantage of some of the excellent resources.

Your BUC Library Team: Karen Weir and Joe Latour

Event dates for 2022

Upcoming Dates to Remember for 2022:

April 3 Annual Meeting Sunday

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 14 Maundy Thursday Service

April 15 Good Friday Service

April 17 Sunrise Service

April 17 Easter Communion Service

April 24 Holy Humour Service

May 1 Sacrament of Baptism

May 8 Christian Family Sunday

June 5 Pentecost Sunday

September 11 Rally Sunday

October 2 World Communion Sunday

October 9 Thanksgiving Service

October 16 BUC Anniversary Service

November 6 Remembrance Sunday

November 13 Children's Sunday

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent – Communion

December 18 Christmas Pageant Sunday

December 24 Christmas Eve Service

December 25 Christmas Day Service

Appendix 1: Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

For the Period Ending December 31, 2021
(with comparative figures for 2020)

<u>Details</u>	2020 Actual	2021 Actual
<u>Assets</u>		
Bank-Local-Consolidated	-85,711.58	-88,660.33
Other Funds	179,898.55	190,469.50
GIC	6,530.71	6,543.77
Total Cash	<u>100,717.68</u>	<u>108,352.94</u>
Inventory - Food Vouchers	2,300.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	1,612.50
A/R - HST Rebates	1,380.54	5,271.91
Fixed Assets	1,427,095.00	1,427,095.00
Total Assets	<u><u>1,531,493.22</u></u>	<u><u>1,542,332.35</u></u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accrued Expenses	1,090.00	1,075.00
CCRA/UCC Employer Taxes	1,642.15	0.00
Other Funds	179,898.55	190,469.50
Due to M&S	0.00	0.00
Operating Fund Balance	1,348,862.52	1,350,787.85
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u><u>1,531,493.22</u></u>	<u><u>1,542,332.35</u></u>

Local Operating Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

For the Period Ending: **December 2021**

(with comparative figures for 2020)

Details	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Offerings	132,875	132,564.47	116,600
Other Donations	146	89.21	440
UCW Contributions	1,863	4,807.15	0
Manse Rent	11,850	13,425.00	12,900
Facilities Rent	28,441	27,149.91	27,007
Fundraising	1,987	295.00	10,260
Federal Subsidies	2,132	0.00	0
Total Revenues	179,293	178,330.74	167,208
<u>Expenses:</u>			
Wages/Benefits/Employer Taxes	76,572	88,410.07	87,472
Worship	199	1,253.78	1,685
Music	899	1,705.35	1,635
Pastoral Care & Outreach	24,769	31,287.17	10,600
Church Council (Presbytery)	10,392	8,941.40	9,026
Trustees	750	750.00	750
Archives	0	0.00	25
Christian Development	0	94.88	250
Junior Church	0	120.84	250
Communications	327	311.37	1,035
Library	0	117.45	0
Church Office	2,553	2,482.80	3,984
Manse - Property & Maintenance	4,132	4,482.59	5,237
Church - Property & Maintenance	28,450	33,055.20	40,986
Finance/Bank Charges	1,636	1,862.78	2,386
Fundraising	200	2,046.79	1,887
Total Expenses	150,880	176,922.47	167,208
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	28,412	1,408.27	0
Interfund Transfers	7,736	517.08	0
Change in Fund Balance	36,149	1,925.35	0

Building Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
 For the Period Ending: **December 2021**
 (with comparative figures for 2020)

Details	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Opening Balance	116,857	121,423.86	121,424
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Envelope offering	5,786	5,312.50	6,000
Other Donations	8,261	0.00	1,000
Fundraising	---	---	---
Total Revenues	<u>14,047</u>	<u>5,312.50</u>	<u>7,000</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Fundraising expenses	---	---	---
Capital Projects			
Manse	1,819	9,718.39	9,300
Church (includes chairs/computers)	0	0.00	1,500
Church - capital maintenance	0	4,350.95	5,500
Total Expenses	<u>1,819</u>	<u>14,069.34</u>	<u>16,300</u>
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	12,228	-8,756.84	-9,300
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Transfers to Operating Fund	7,661	0.00	0
Transfers from Memorial Fund	0	0.00	0
	<u>7,661</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Transfers	7,661	0.00	0
Change in Fund Balance	4,567	-8,756.84	-9,300
Closing Fund Balance	<u>121,424</u>	<u>112,667.02</u>	<u>112,124</u>

Memorial Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Period Ending: **December 2021**
(with comparative figures for 2020)

Details	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
Opening Fund Balance	33,628	35,710.96	35,711
<u>Revenues:</u>			
Donations	2,215	4,280.00	0
Total Revenues	<u>2,215</u>	<u>4,280.00</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Expenses</u>			
Receipts/fees/postage	57	156.18	0
Sanctuary Improvements/Sound System	0	1,908.92	0
Worship Equipment/Books - Sanctuary	0	0.00	0
Total Expenses	<u>57</u>	<u>2,065.10</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Revenues/Expenditures	2,158	2,214.90	0
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Transfer designated gifts to building fund	0	0.00	0
Transfer designated gifts to operating fund	75	517.08	0
Transfer designated gifts to M&S fund	0	0.00	0
Total Interfund Transfers	<u>75</u>	<u>517.08</u>	<u>0</u>
Change in Fund Balance	2,083	1,697.82	0
Closing Fund Balance	<u>35,711</u>	<u>37,408.78</u>	<u>35,711</u>

Note:

Please see the **Report on the Memorial Fund** for additional information.
Bridgenorth United Church has been fortunate to be the recipient of numerous donations in memory of our members and adherents in 2020.

Mission & Service Fund

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Period Ending: **December 2021**
(with comparative figures for 2020)

Details	2020 Actual	2021 Actual	2021 Budget
<u>Contributions:</u>			
Mission & Service Fund Donations	9,016	9,113.04	8,700
Total Contributions	<u>9,016</u>	<u>9,113.04</u>	<u>8,700</u>
Payments to the United Church of Canada	9,016	9,113.04	8,700
Balance	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0</u>

Note:

*It is proposed that the congregational goal for 2022 will be \$9,500.
This will be confirmed through resolution at the Annual General Meeting.*

Notes to 2021 Financial Report:

1. Nature of Association

Bridgenorth United Church is a pastoral charge of the United Church of Canada.

2. Accounting Policies

Bridgenorth United Church uses fund accounting to track revenues and expenses. A consolidated bank account is used to manage cash flow and combines the following fund balances into one bank account at the local chartered bank.

Local Operating Fund reports on the Church's program delivery and administration.

Building Fund reports on matters related to significant building renewal projects, major maintenance and related equipment purchases.

Memorial Fund reports contributions made in memory of loved ones and gifts designated by donors.

Mission & Service Fund reports on contributions specific to initiatives under the United Church of Canada - Mission & Service Fund.

Notes to 2021 Financial Report: (continued)

3. Other Fund Balances

The following balances are included in the "Other Fund Balances" on the Balance Sheet.

Building Fund	112,667.02
Memorial Fund	37,408.78
Misc. Funds - Tarnished Angels	2,932.03
Food Bank - Reserve	36,461.67
Library	1,000.00
Other Funds	<u>190,469.50</u>

4. Financial Reporting and Information

Financial reports and supporting comments are provided to the Bridgenorth Church Council at their meetings periodically throughout the year.

In addition, members of the congregation are welcome to ask questions about the church finances at any point by dropping a note in the Treasurer's mailbox at the church.

5. Fundraising Overview

Fundraising is an essential component of the financial program at Bridgenorth United Church. Our events of fellowship and fundraising were significantly impacted by the COVID19 pandemic and subsequent cancellations.

BUC supporters of the UCW did organize plant and tree sales, which are reflected in a separate line on the statement - net proceeds of \$2,760

The following is a summary of net proceeds (funds received less expenses) for the typical fundraising events held in support of Bridgenorth United.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Net Proceeds</u>
Polarfest Supper & Music	0.00
Ham Dinner	0.00
Garage Sale	0.00
Concerts	0.00
Beef Dinner	0.00
Auction Proceeds	0.00
Plant & Tree Sales	2,760.36
Misc. Specialty Food Sales	295.00
Total Net Fundraising Proceeds	<u>3,055.36</u>

**Bridgenorth United Church
Budget Year - 2022**

Budget Introduction

The attached budget displays the three primary funds for BUC on one worksheet. This format is used in monthly reports to the Church Council on the financial status of the church and its various programs.

Budget Approach to Offerings

This budget reflects General Offerings for the Local and Building fund that were achieved in 2021 and adjusted for excess Food Bank donations. These actuals were then increased by a 10% target. To meet the givings targets we will require increased Local Offerings from the congregation and continued support from the Bridgenorth community.

Budget Approach to Operations and Fundraising

The budget assumes a full resumption of services for approximately 80% of the year and the return of fundraising events throughout the year. Event convenors and support are required - so please reach out to the Membership Committee for a role in these events.

Budget Expenses

The operating expenses of the church are quite consistent and include projected expenses based on good historical data and known changes.

Best estimates have been used, fully understanding that we are emerging from the COVID19 pandemic and finding our way under new operating conditions.

In the Building Fund, an estimate has been included for some HVAC repairs/replacements. Roof repairs may be required as well and will be investigated later in 2022.

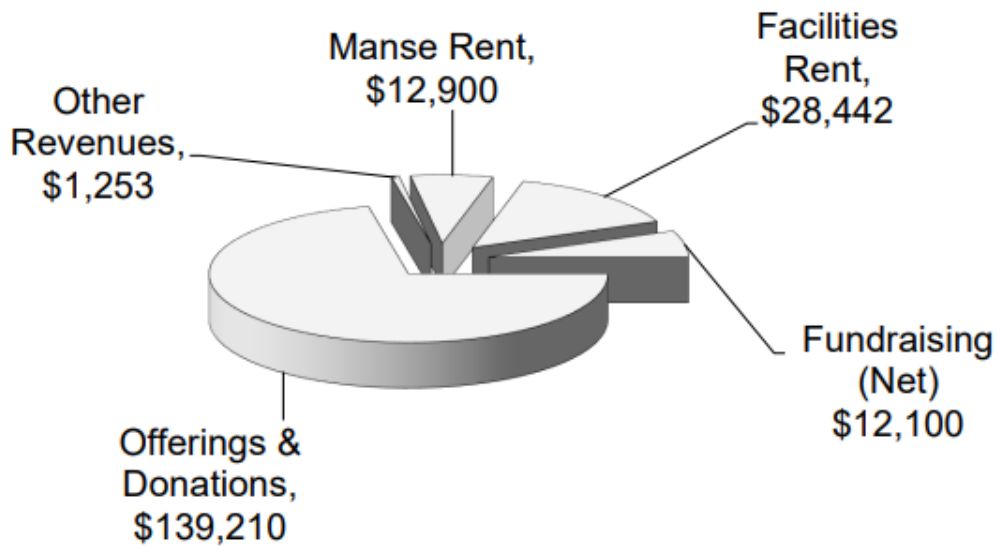
Questions regarding the budget, and church finances in general, are encouraged. Reach out and get clarification.

R. Lane Vance

Bridgenorth United Church
Budget Year - 2022
All Funds

Details	Operating Budget	Building Budget	M & S Budget	Total Budget
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Offerings & Donations	123,710	6,000	9,500	139,210
Other Revenues	1,253	0		1,253
Manse Rent	12,900			12,900
Facilities Rent	28,442			28,442
Fundraising Revenues	15,400			15,400
Total Revenues	181,705	6,000	9,500	197,205
<u>Expenses:</u>				
Wages and Benefits	112,354			112,354
Worship	1,230			1,230
Music	1,360			1,360
Food Bank & Pastoral Care	11,145			11,145
Presbytery Assessment	9,058			9,058
Trustees - cemetery	750			750
Archives	25			25
Christian Development	250			250
Junior Church	1,250			1,250
Communications & Outreach	1,035			1,035
Library	470			470
Church Office	4,191	0		4,191
Property - Manse - all expenses	5,237	0		5,237
Property - Repairs/Maint./Utilities	38,307	6,000		44,307
Finance & Bank Fees	1,839		9,500	11,339
Fundraising Expenses	3,300			3,300
Total Expenses	191,801	6,000	9,500	207,301
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	-10,096	0	0	-10,096
Interfund Transfers	0	0	0	0
Change in Fund Balances	-10,096	0	0	-10,096

**Bridgenorth United Church 2022 Revenues
All Funds**



Bridgenorth United Church Offerings Overview

