

Stettler United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting-March 3, 2019

Opening:

The annual general meeting of the Stettler United Church was called to order at 11:30 on March 3, 2019 by Chair James Tennant. There were 25 people in attendance.

Enabling Motions

E19.1 MOTION by Charlotte Chase SECONDED by Betty Birch that all adherents and members can vote on temporal matters for the Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED.

E19.2 MOTION by Dave Goodwin SECONDED By Myrna Stevens that James Tennant, as Chair of Official Board, Chair this Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED

E19.3 MOTION by Joan Baltimore SECONDED by Faye Tennant that Barbara Lynn Goodwin act as recording secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED

Chair, James Tennant recognized and thanked all Board and Committee Members; Trustees; and the Special Fundraising (names listed) Committee

Linda Day
Sue Stratulate
Jim Tennant
Mary Lou Manson
Myrna Stevens
Michele Selinger
Jan Richardson
Charlotte Chase

Jim noted that the Our old Presbytery Representatives are now known as Regional Representatives.

Thanks also to, Betty Birch & Michele Selinger, Spring Fair Organizers and Wendy Staal, Sue Stratulate for work with the Children's area.

A19.1 MOTION by Faye Tennant, SECONDED by Betty Birch to approve the minutes of the 2018 Congregational Meeting. CARRIED.

A19.2 MOTION by Joyce Wickstrom SECONDED by Elpha Senft to accept all committee reports as written in the annual report, with the exception of the financial statement and proposed budget. CARRIED

Presentation of financial statements by Jim Tennant.

A19.3 MOTION by Joan Baltimore SECONDED by Betty Birch to accept the 2018 Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2018 CARRIED

Presentation of the budget prepared by Mary-Lou Manson, Jim Tennant, Jan Richardson and Michele Selinger

A19.4 MOTION by Dave Goodwin, SECONDED by Charlotte Chase to approve the prepared 2019 budget. CARRIED

For our size congregation we are allowed to name 2 Regional Representatives.

A19.5 MOTION by Myrna Stevens SECONDED by Anita Merritt that Barbara Lynn Goodwin be one of the Stettler United Church Regional Representatives.

A19.6 MOTION by Bob Richardson, SECONDED by Anita Merritt the Dave Goodwin be the second Regional Representative, once he becomes a full member of Stettler United Church and the United Church of Canada.

Recognition was made to Letty Docherty who retired from the board in 2018.

No nominations to the board were made for the 2019/2020 period.

A19.7 MOTION by Charlotte Chase SECONDED by Betty Birch to allow the Board of Stettler United Church to appoint new Board Members. CARRIED

A19.8 MOTION by Myrna Stevens SECONDED by Joyce Wickstrom to reappoint the Board of Trustees – Joan Baltimore, Gerry Bennett, John Penner, Betty Birch, Ward Krecji CARRIED

A19.9 MOTION by Anita Merritt SECONDED by Mary Lou Manson to thank the Ministerial staff for 2018. This includes, Jan Richardson, and administrative staff Michele Selinger. CARRIED

James Tennant thanked the JC club and YAC leaders, Sue Stratulate and Wendy Staal. A huge thank you to the UCW for their service and ongoing financial support

Betty Birch requested volunteers to help for spring fair.

Joan Baltimore suggested that the board ask someone from the wider church to help with ideas to use the building and raise funds.

A19.10 MOTION by Anita Merritt SECONDED by Mary Lou Manson to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Barbara Lynn Goodwin, Secretary

Those Present:

Jan Richardson
Charlotte Chase
Isabel Kerl
Myrna Stevens
Faye Tennant
Elpha Senft
Anita Merritt
John Penner
Jeanne Sinclair
Mary Lou Manson
Joyce Wickstrom
Barbara Lynn Goodwin
Ron Senft

Sue Stratulate
Joan Baltimore
Linda Day
Dave Goodwin
Bob Richardson
Bernice Brown
Ward Krecji
Dorothy Penner
Mac Sinclair
Betty Birch
Shirley Hellebo
Jim Tennant

BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Greetings to all, once again this has been a busy year for the board, and the Church in general.

As you are all aware, Jan was eligible for her sabbatical leave in 2019, as a result, the board was tasked with some additional fund raising to help offset additional expenses for coverage for Sunday Services. This was performed by an Ad Hoc committee and was very successful. A big thanks to all who participated and made this possible, this really shows what can be accomplished when we put our mind and spirit into something.

We did not hire a summer student this year, as we knew there would not be adequate staff for supervision.

Unfortunately, we have lost some long-time congregation members over the past year, leaving some great voids in our membership.

We have been and are working on some upgrades to Church equipment. As a result, we paired with the Rotary Club of Stettler, and upgraded with a new projector and screen for the C.E. Wing, as well as connecting our large screen television in the C.E. Wing with the camera in the sanctuary. We also had repairs completed on the pipe organ, as well as having the grand piano tuned and a humidifier installed.

Also, as result of the major hail storm we had this last summer, our building suffered significant damage in all exterior areas, so we have an ongoing insurance claim to get all damages repaired. We are also applying for a grant from the Heritage society to replace hardware on our doors.

This is my last term as chairperson, effectively ending on 31 December 2019. There has also been a couple of other board members retire as well (Do you ever really retire from the Church?) If you are interested, let Jan or another board member know, and they would love to have you come and spend some time

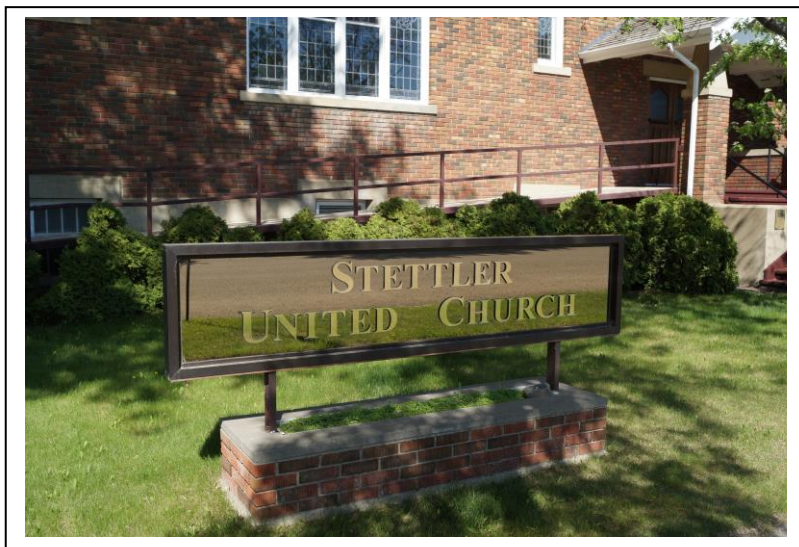
at a board meeting or two, so you have an understanding of what we do at the mysterious meetings we have ten times a year.

The board, along with a special committee, are actively pursuing by other means, in which we can make use of our church and facilities in the future to help with offsetting some of our operating costs.

Again, I have nothing but praise for our congregation. Although we be small in numbers, we are mighty in achievements.

Thanks again to the congregation and fellow board members for all of your help and cooperation over the past three years, as it made it a pleasure to serve as your board chair.

I wish the best of luck to all of the new incoming board members and board chair.



Respectfully submitted:
Jim Tennant
Board chairperson

Jan Reflects on 2019...



If there's a theme of the year, it's grandparenthood. That -- combined with my Sabbatical Time -- have helped me have a whole new lease on life.

Welcoming new life is something I cherish, and key to our faith. Our grandson, Asher was born the day before Palm Sunday. And in May I started rehearsals as a participant in the moving drama which is the Badlands Passion Play. So, these two things were Easter experiences writ large. They represent the kind of things that give us a whole new purpose for being alive; open us to wonder.

As a 93-year-old church (great, great, grandparent age) we need the things that are life-changing, life-giving, wholly and holy. Things which remind us love never dies.

It's when we welcome new faces into the congregation; receive people through baptism and reaffirmation of faith; and add new small group ministries (Healing Hands has just begun), that I'm renewed in/through ministry. Having colleagues to depend upon was shown as Barbara Lieurance, David Holmes, and Mervyn Penfound were of particular help to cover weddings, funerals (including our family member Kathy H) and Sunday Services during sabbatical, summer holiday, Easter and Christmas.

It was a great feeling when Michele offered to coordinate three new fundraising ~ friendship building opportunities. The flow-art paint nights, and artisan market, as well as all the things we've hosted traditionally, were wonderful opportunities for us to engage with people on beyond Sunday mornings. Similarly, we've found that connecting with kids for an art day during the Spring Break; and hosting "Kids Can Cook" opportunities this past summer, put wind beneath our wings as well.

During my Sabbatical-Holiday time I was able to worship with eight other congregations. Pew-sitting is a great thing for ministers! While there are always differences, it's good to focus on the commonalities. One being that there's a deep need for human and spiritual connection. I was reminded to be open, always, to meet people where they're at and join the journey, by heart.

My “church” is a network of those I interact with in person, through social media, in the upstairs, down and double-downstairs of this building, in the community, and vicariously through the global partnerships we have in mission. I consider it a compliment when I’m told “*I see you at everything, Jan*”, because I am pleased to walk this path with others. Sometimes we seem to know quite clearly what that looks like, and where we’re going, and other times we walk a whole new way into a whole new day.

Grandparenthood automatically puts me to thinking about succession. Playing the role of a priest in the Passion Play did too. Good thing that was an act. In “real life” I wouldn’t want to be known as one who’d fight to uphold a hierarchical system in opposition to Jesus’ reform movement. Thankfully his passion for the possible was continued through the fledgling group of those left behind, but not abandoned by the Spirit. This is the inheritance of our faith family. New chapters are being written. May it be good news for us and others.



Opening Scene ~ Badlands Passion Play 2019

The Passion Play 2019, as written by Barret Hileman ends with the audience turning their eyes to the angels who appear on the hills surround the amphitheatre in the Drumheller Valley. The whole cast sings Allelulia, and Simon Peter (my son-in-law in my role for Act 1) invites/proclaims:

As you come to him, the cornerstone – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for God through

Jesus~ Because of this, our hearts will be glad, our words will be joyful, and we will live in hope.

**CHINOOK WINDS REGION REPORT 2019
STETTLER UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2019**

The Chinook Winds Region is now six months old and has made amazing strides in a very short time. This time last year, the newly formed region did not yet have a name and was in the capable hands of an interim board.

Now we have an Elected Executive: John Snow, Bob Wallace, David Pollard, Kevin Dorma, Helen Reed, (Presiding Officer), Eric Pagé, Vicki McPhee, Alwin Maben, and Bill Moore.

We have a **Region Office** in Okotoks and a **Staff**:
Executive assistant – Mauricio Araujo
Pastoral Relations Minister – Lee Spice
Office of Vocation: Brenda Fawkes
Community of Faith Support/Strategy Consultant – Joel Den Haan
Program Support and Administration Support – Chris Mah Poy
Communications – Shelley Den Haan
Archivist: Leanne Templeton

What began as monthly newsletters have become **weekly newsletters** available at **www.chinookwindsregion.ca**. Print copies are available from Barbara-Lynn Goodwin upon request. These keep us informed about the many **events and projects** around the region. I have provided an updated report of these events to the church board at each of our monthly meetings. The website has links to programs and resources, forms, the on-line directory and much, much more. Please visit it soon.

Events of the wider church that I have attended as a representative of Stettler United Church are:

1. Women of the United Church in Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regions annual meeting "Who is Our Neighbour" at Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert from April 4-6, 2019
2. Chinook Winds Region first annual gathering "Born of Wind and Spirit" at McKillop United Church, Lethbridge on June 7 and 8, 2019
3. ReVITALize 2019 at St. Paul's United, Edmonton on September 26 and 27, 2019

I have provided reports on each of these events to the church board.

At the board's request I invited Joel Den Haan, Community of Faith Support/Strategy Consultant to conduct a workshop in November to explore the possibilities of sharing space with other groups in Stettler who have a similar mission/vision as us. Since that meeting, a "Shared Space" Task Group was formed to investigate the viability of sharing our building with the Stettler Learning Council. Although this partnership **did not** materialize, it gave us the opportunity to examine what space we have, what we are willing to share and our potential for collaborative partnerships. The task group continues to work on this project with Joel's guidance.

I will end my report with words from Helen Reed, the Presiding Officer of the Chinook Winds Region Executive:

"I believe that the church is meant to work together and be partners in making a difference in our communities and in the world. My hope is that we will let go of some of our previous habits, jump into this newness together, finding refreshing freedoms: in getting to know new partners; in meeting different people who are passionate about the same things we are; in hearing, respecting and engaging in each other's stories; in choosing new directions to be God's best people."

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
Chinook Winds Region Representative

TRUSTEES

Betty Birch, Gerry Bennett, John Penner
Ward Krejci, Joan Baltimore

The trustees met on June 10th and December 10th of 2019, with all members present.

In June we revisited the insurance policy and noted an increase of \$692.00. We also discussed janitorial service coverage for compensation from injury on the premises.

On December 10th the trustees attended the board meeting with regard to the possibility of partnering to help generate income to offset out monthly operating costs. After the board meeting the trustees gathered for a short meeting and discussed what we had learned at the board meeting.

In July the church building had hail damage and at this date nothing has been heard from our insurance provider. John Penner voiced his decision to resign from this committee as of July 31 2020, after 22 years of faithful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan F. Baltimore.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Charlotte Chase, Sylvia Peters, Yvonne Yaremccio,
Linda Holton, Connie Jackson

The M and P Committee strives to promote harmonious relationships within and among the Ministry Personnel, Staff, and Pastoral Charge. Our work is a balance of supportive and supervisory roles, which means we provide care to our staff and deal with concerns from the congregation. The M and P Committee is responsible to the Official Board.

Early in the year our committee focused on helping Jan and Michele plan for Jan's sabbatical time that began in May. Thanks to Jan and Michele being proactive, and to the many members of the congregation who pitched in, most things were covered while Jan was away. Michele had a lot on her plate during Jan's four month absence (sabbatical and vacation time) but she handled everything and had people to call on for help if she needed it. Knowing the congregation would be cared for by other ministers and volunteers from the congregation, Jan was able to go and immerse herself in the Drumheller Passion Play. We know this was a meaningful, transformative, and restorative time for her that ultimately also benefits the congregation. The timing of Jan's sabbatical was perfect as she was also blessed with her first grandchild during that time.

Thank you to Jan for her caring ways, for her desire to take chances trying new things, for her ability to take the big changes in stride, and for reaching out to other clergy for sharing of ideas and events. This flexibility and dedication will be so important over the years to come.

Michele had a busy year not only with Jan's sabbatical, but she also spearheaded several fundraisers, continues to look after communication with our janitorial staff, looks after the website, is the recording secretary at Board meetings, and continues to keep the church office running smoothly. We have come to rely on her more and more, and we appreciate her dedication to this church and it's members.

M and P will now start meeting with the M and P committees from Big Valley and Erskine to begin a conversation on how we might work together as resources and membership declines.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Chase

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Committee Members.....

*Joyce Wickstrom, Sue Stratulate, Mary-Lou Manson
& Jan Richardson (minister)*

The main duties of worship committee are to assist Jan (minister) with Sunday morning worship and weekly worship events: preparation of communion, leading worship some Sundays, setting up/lunch etc. for extra activities that include worship functions such as Light and Hope and the Choir Festival. We also decorate the sanctuary and help plan for our church seasons.

We work hand in hand with Evelyn and the Choir, Barbara Lynn, Dave, Odd Job Bob and most of all Michelle our church secretary. Also the many volunteers who run look after audio visual, read, perform special music etc.

Our committee is small but we work very well together, I appreciate the hard work and dedication of Sue and Joyce, and also the pleasant efficiency of Jan.

Some of the extra activities worship committee helped out with: two paint nights, spring fair and concerts.

2019 was a very busy year for worship committee for Jan was away on her sabbatical from May to August. With the help of the Stettler United Church family all went very smoothly. We were grateful to give Jan the opportunity to regenerate, also thankful to have her back with us in September!

Blessings~
Respectfully Submitted by;
Mary-Lou Manson
Worship Chairperson

SENIOR CHOIR

The Choir assists the worship services by providing special music and leading the hymns. It is through music that people are moved in spirit, in memories and pure enjoyment.



Music is chosen to reflect upon the worship service theme or season. The choir sings on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of every month, except July and August. Our rehearsals occur from 7:00 – 8:00 pm on the Wednesdays prior to the Sunday service in which we partake.

When requested, our choir will provide music for birthdays, anniversaries and funerals. This year we lost one of our faithful musical personalities: Elain Hennel. The choir was very involved in the chosen music for her service. Her musical talents will definitely be missed. Our choir has hosted the annual Carol Festival for over 40 years. This year we enjoyed the following Choirs:

- ✚ Heartland Belles
- ✚ The Erskine United Church

- ✚ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- ✚ The Stettler Senior Singers
- ✚ The Happy Gang
- ✚ Quartet ~ Richardson's & Goodwin's
- ✚ The Stettler United Church Choir.
- ✚ Scott Pfiesser played the pipe organ
- ✚ David Carstairs played the guitar.
- ✚ Gayle Tennant Audio/Visual

Everyone enjoyed singing Christmas Carols followed by a social evening and lunch. The proceeds were donated to the Stettler and District Food Bank in the amount of \$1260.00 (cash), and quite a few pounds of food. 32 pairs of pajamas went to the Stettler Hamper Society.

The people who make this successful include:

- ✚ Wendy Airey
- ✚ Joe Baltimore
- ✚ Ismay Seyer
- ✚ Joan Cornelssen
- ✚ Geraldine Dennis
- ✚ Bryan Gray
- ✚ Nancy Cannon
- ✚ Joanne Wiechnick
- ✚ Gordon Lane

Ron Senft, Gayle Tennant, & Cassidy Munholland who help with audio visual. Cassidy Munholland has been known to jump in and give the choir a hand, Christmas music, and Joanne assists with drum and guitar throughout the year.

Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join our musical ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Evelyn Shursen, Choir Director

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Barbara-Lynn Goodwin, Mervyn and Marilyn Penfound, Janie Von Krogh, Linda Day, Margaret Medland, Lynn Derwantz, and Sandi Hagen with support from Jan & Michele.

The purpose of the committee is to keep accurate records regarding members of the church and to provide care and support to those who adhere to the Stettler United Church.

On January 13th we hosted ~ Chili Lunch for a Winter's Day ~ The luncheon resulted in a donation of \$270.00 for our church.

Birthday Pie Sunday was March 17 it was a St Patrick's Day theme. Thanks so much to Kate Sanders for decorating the CE Wing. Thanks also to Janie for a great green punch, Barbara-Lynn, Janie, Jan, & Linda for bringing pies. We had 9 pies in total and used about 7. People like the variety of pies.

We were disappointed with the turn out for Welcome Sunday held in early September. There was much good food but few people other than committee members and small groups reps attending. We will try a different format for the coming year.

With Jan being on sabbatical part of 2019 the committee assisted with services at the lodges. We thank Mervyn & Marilyn Penfound and Barbara-Lynn and David Goodwin for leading services during this time. In June we visited at Willow Creek and Paragon Place and brought goodies for the folks to enjoy during conversation. We also want to thank Joanne Wiechnik and Gordon Lane for assisting with the music at lodge services as they are able.

Thanks to Sylvia Peters who did many home and hospital visits when Jan was away.

I heard this morning that the Dalai Lama takes considerable time each day being grateful, a practice that would likely benefit most of us. As he quoted "When you practice gratefulness there is a sense of respect toward others."

A few things I am grateful for:

- A committee that is always willing to show up and participate in the work of our church.
- All those folks who greet at the door each Sunday
- All those folks that make coffee each Sunday

- All those folks that stay after church each Sunday to enjoy fellowship and community together
- Michele our church administrator who organized 2 paint night fund raisers in 2019 and is always willing to help with tasks
- Jan our minister who is present out in the community being the face of Stettler United Church and caring for all

I am grateful to all those who step forward to assist with church fund raisers and board and committee members.

I truly hope as we go forward in community together that we can celebrate many more Birthdays together at **Our United Church.**

Respectfully Submitted
Linda Day

The Library Report for 2019

Thank you everyone for donating gently used books. They are always appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Tennant

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES

Avabelli Dance Troupe

We have a new Small Group that started September 2018. It is a Belly Dance Troupe that is dancing on Monday evenings 07:00 PM to 08:00 PM in the

basement. Everyone is welcome to come and learn the Basics of Belly Dance.



We also used this as an opportunity to raise awareness against abuse by joining the 189 teams from around the world on May 8th for Shimmy Mob

and raised funds for Association for Communities against Abuse. We have already registered for 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Tennant

The Church Mice Art group

The church mice meet every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We started the beginning of January and ended the winter sessions with the artists showing/selling their projects. We started again September 18th.

We continue to share lunch; stories and enjoying watching everyone's art come alive.

The art mice collect \$2.00 to cover the cost of tea, coffee and overhead usage. Throughout the year we gave the church \$1136.50

We welcome all to join us even if it is only for part of the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Baltimore

Drum Circle



We continue to welcome regular and new participants of all ages and musical ability to the group. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30, in the CE wing (although our favorite space continues to be the sanctuary because of the vibrations and acoustics are fantastic), with the exception of summer and December.

Unfortunately, our yearly outdoor circle at Jan & Bob's "space at the lake" was rained out much to the disappointment to the attendees that look forward to the yearly wiener

roast.

We usually start our circle with a short welcome and sharing time, drumming until it is "snack/fellowship" time before we finish for the evening.

Everyone is welcome to join us ~ no experience necessary ~ and you don't need your own drum. It is a powerful, positive experience that leaves everyone feeling great after.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Selinger & Bob Richardson

Luv2Read

We had another wonderful year discussing books. This past year we were able to have a local author, Bonnie Swainston, present her book, "Sincerely, Mistaken" and describe the process she went through for writing and publishing her book. We have another great lineup of books to discuss and are fortunate to be able to work with Stettler Public Library in bringing in these books. As always, everyone is welcomed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Tennant



The Prayer Shawl Group

Our group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2 – 4 pm January to May and September to the end of November.



We begin with lighting a candle and reading a prayer, or a story relative to our mandate. The prayer shawls are recorded when completed, and new shawls are blessed. Concerns for those in need are presented as we work on our shawls.

Since our inception we have made 1380 prayer shawls that have been given to persons in need locally and beyond.

We appreciate and give thanks to all who have given cash donations and yarn and as well a \$300.00 donation from Superfluity. All are welcome to come and join in whenever you can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Baltimore

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meet at the Church CE Wing, every Wednesday morning at 7:00 AM. Those wanting to help with breakfast preparations and get in on some extra gossip arrive between 6:30 AM and 6:45 AM.

The group also serves breakfast for special occasions at the Church and some community events.

The \$5.00 fee covers the cost of breakfast supplies with a surplus that is donated to worthwhile causes agreed to by the group. During 2019 the following donations were made:

- Easter: Brunch Groceries - \$240,
- June: Stettler United Church Donation - \$500,
- June: Food Bank Donation - \$500,
- October: Stettler United Church Donation - \$1,400

Everyone is welcome. There is plenty of room at the table for you and any friends you want to bring with you. Come join us.

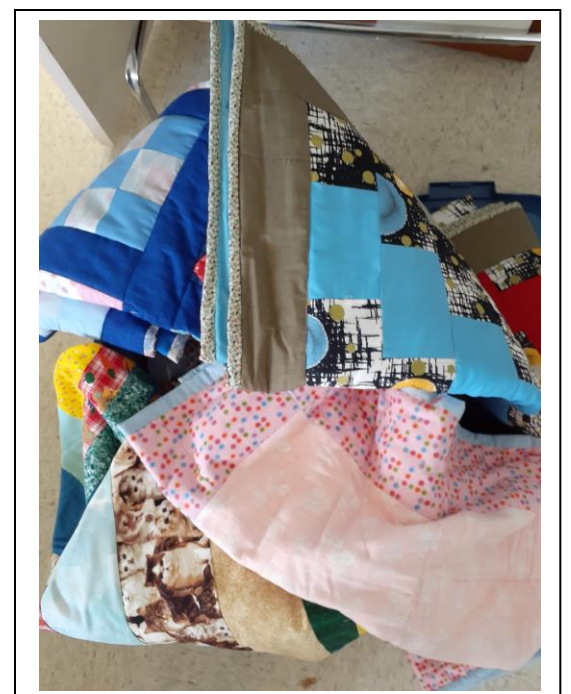
Respectfully Submitted,
Gerry Bennett and Peter Boys



Quilting Group

Although we are few in numbers, we have created a lot of quilts. Most were sent to Ronald McDonald House in Red Deer, some to Stollery Children's Hospital in Edmonton, and a few to the Children's Hospital in Calgary. We also put 2 quilts in the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month from October to April (excluding Christmas) at 10:00 am. Some take blocks home to assemble and quilt, others just work when we meet.



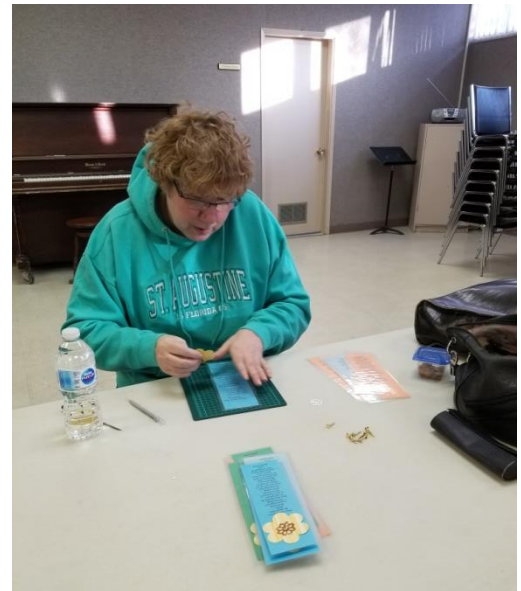
We tried out new patterns this year which is always challenging. If you are interested in learning how to make a quilt top, please contact Elpha Senft @ 403-742-2285. We would love to have some new people join us. We have plenty of material to work with, we just need new ideas.

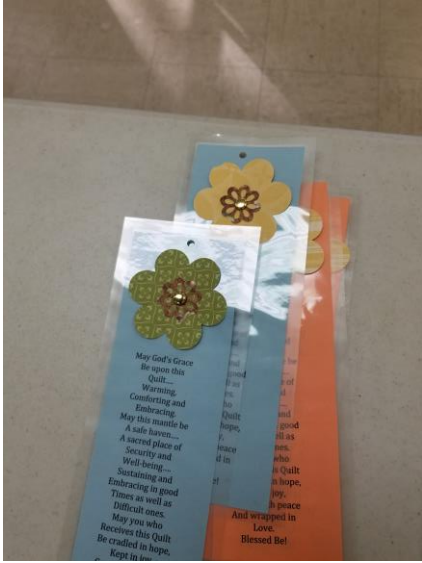
Respectfully Submitted,
Elpha Senft

Scrappers Unite Report for 2019

We are happily Scrapbooking, making cards, doing crafts and whatever projects people want to work on. We have had new people join us which makes our group varied and welcoming. We had a Pajama Day and ate waffles for extra fun. Also helped our Quilting Small Group by making their tags. Please join us once a month to do your crafts.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Tennant & Debbie Doell





Healing Hands

At the request of Antoinette Laughlin and Eileen Scheerschmidt, we rented our facility Oct 5-6, 2019 to host a Natural Health Practitioners course, facilitated by Rita Cumming.



The local participants from that course wanted then to form an ongoing small group ministry called Healing Hands ~ Polarity that would meet every other Thursday night.

The JC Club room was rearranged to accommodate both Sunday morning (for the JC group) and the Thursday evening gatherings.

People are welcome to contact Antoinette for further information about joining in healing sessions that are nurturing and restorative for body and soul.

Respectfully Submitted
Jan Richardson

Kids Summer Program

Unfortunately, due to Jan's Sabbatical and not having a leader, the Kids Summer Program was not held in 2019. We received several calls wondering if/when we were hosting it or if they had missed it. It was a pretty quiet July.

Respectfully submitted:
Michele Selinger

MEALS ON WHEELS

The United Church Meals on Wheels group delivered meals for 8 weeks plus 2 extra "fill in" days December 30 and 31, in 2019. Due to one of the other church groups stepping down, we may be asked to pick up extra days/weeks. For that reason, if anyone knows of any groups or individuals who would be interested in volunteering a few hours of their time, they could contact Terri Visser, the program coordinator for Home Support at FCSS (403-742-6568)

There are 8 of us who take turns doing deliveries regularly and a couple husbands have been recruited a few times as well. On average there are usually about 12 stops to make - some days more, some less. This number split between 2 teams of a driver and a "runner". At most, it takes about 1 1/2 hours from the time

we arrive at Points West to pick up the Meals, do the deliveries, and get back to Points West to drop off the empty containers.

Respectfully Submitted
Janie von Krogh

STETTLER UNITED CHURCH WOMEN – 2019

Once again UCW has somehow floated along without a Chair or Secretary. Heather Baird has continued as Treasurer. In spite of this we had a busy year

We would like to thank the congregation for all the help and support they have given to us for our many projects. We also owe a big vote of thanks to our wonderful church secretary Michele for all her help!

The afternoon group does meet for coffee and a visit at Paragon Place but they no longer host family Sundays. The evening group meets monthly and host family Sunday the last Sunday of the month after church.

Once again, we catered to the Superfluity Shop volunteer dinner in February in addition we catered to and held the following events:

- Lunch for 4 funerals.
- Monday Rotary Lunches ~ There are eight groups who serve lunch every Monday to Rotary as part of our fund-raising efforts.
- Fall Supper ~ We had a successful fall supper catering roast beef supper to over 350 people in large part because of Betty Birch stepping forward to convene this huge undertaking!!
- Christmas Bazaar ~ We had a very successful church bazaar on December 7th
- Had our yearly Christmas party for the women of the church on December 4th at which we raised \$400.00 to send to Bissell for Christmas.
- We also put up a "warm Christmas tree" in the sanctuary in the month of December for people to donate warm items of clothing or blankets to be donated to the local Christmas hamper society.

In addition to this we were able to give \$22,500.00 to the church in 2019!!!

A very good year. We also (with the help of Marilyn Penfound) received a UCW life membership to present to DeLores Duris.

We would welcome any women who are interested to join UCW Contact Letty Docherty or any UCW member. We have a wonderful fellowship at our meetings and some interesting presentations.

Respectfully Submitted,
Letty Docherty



Property

While we still did not have an active committee in 2019, we are thankful to have people we can call upon for decision and action as needed.

The janitorial contract for the Dust Fairies was not renewed. In November Tree Cleaning was hired for janitorial. The cost is significantly lower with this company.

We have also hired Allen Prince to look after snow removal. To date he has kept our sidewalks clean of snow and ice.

Bob Richardson continues to be our contact person for maintenance items.

Here are things we've attended to (and some that are ongoing) that help keep our building in good working order:

- The cooler in the kitchen was purchased and replaced in January 2019.
- The Stettler Rotary Club installed a new ceiling projector, screen and updated the sound system in the CE wing.
- The camera from the sanctuary was connected to the tv and system in the CE wing after the Rotary had completed their changes.
- The sanctuary door, and those on the CE wing stick and are difficult to open. The heritage society will have to be contacted before any repairs/changes can be made.
- Jim Tennant was to speak to Kirk Blake regarding hardwiring the sanctuary to strengthen the wifi signal.
- The organ was repaired and tuned.
- The pianos were tuned. Barbara-Lynn and David Goodwin donated an upright piano that has been refinished, it has also been tuned and is in the CE wing. Who would like one or two extra pianos?
- A humidifier was ordered and installed in the grand piano in the sanctuary. This should result in it having to be tuned so often.
- The carpets were shampooed; but the tile floors were not redone in 2019. Kevin Pike said if the floors were stripped properly and kept up, they should not have to be stripped for 5 years or more. Hopefully this will be done in 2020.
- The tap in the kitchen has been fixed, and the sprayer tap was leaking, Bob has fixed this a few times, and we have been asked to keep an eye on it.
- In July we sustained substantial hail damage. Betty Birch & Jim Tennant have been in contact with Sandy from the Heritage Society, who has been in contact with the contractor, so the rules of a Heritage building are followed. At this writing it is still ongoing.
- Received a quote for a chimney liner for the furnaces in CE.

Respectfully Submitted
Michele Selinger

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mary-Lou Manson

There is one member on the Finance committee. That would be myself, Mary-Lou! When meetings are held the secretary, board chairperson, minister and myself attend.

I also represent the finance committee, when fund raising events are planned I help out when possible, usually with the serving and clean up.

Finance watches' over the moneys, also every year in January of the next year the budget is done up for board and congregational approval.

The deficit running approximately \$35,000 is of great concern as we look to the future of our Stettler United Church. The congregation continues to dwindle making the work load too much for so few.

Committees and meetings are ongoing to tackle the problem of saving our church family. And of course, fewer member equals less operating and Mission & Service money.

But...Thank-you to all of you, individuals, families and groups, who do give so generously, donating hours and hours of your time. Without you we would have no church family to come to.

Also a big thank-you to Michele (secretary) who is nothing but professional, easy and pleasant to work with and more importantly does nothing but a thorough professional job of managing the monies of our Stettler United Church.

And also thank-you to Jan who is always faithful and encouraging in our prayerful and financial journey.

I do believe whatever God chooses for us as "The Stettler United Church" we will always have our faith and be a Church Family.

God Bless~

Respectfully Submitted by:
Mary-Lou Manson

Thank you!! Kate & Joan for coming in and counting with Michele on Mondays!!

SPRING FAIR

(as coordinated by Betty Birch & Michele Selinger)

This annual fund raiser continues to be a huge success. The format from 2018 was used again and the available space for vendors was quickly filled. The line up for the homemade pies assured the pies sold out, with the fruit pies selling out by 11:00 am. Thank you to all the ladies who take the time to make them. The pulled pork was a hit again this year, along with the pie and refreshments.

There was a good turn out and everyone seemed happy with the outcome. This format seems to work with everyone, and requires quite a bit less set up and volunteer time. One again, thank you to everyone that helped make this a success.

I am happy to report that a small committee has been formed so the 2020 Spring Fair is a go!

Respectfully Submitted by:
Michele Selinger



STETTLER UNITED CHURCH
SPRING FAIR
Fresh Pie & Coffee
Pulled Pork & Hot Dogs
May 04, 2019 10:00 am—3:00 pm
Frozen Homemade Pie Sale
Local Artisans
Various Vendors
Kid's Carnival
Plants
Vendors will be added as tables are sold



ARTISAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

(coordinated by Michele Selinger)

In November of this year we held our first ever Artisan Christmas Market. We had a number of vendors, and a wide variety of handmade creations. We the exception of a short lull just after lunch, we were busy from open to close.

All the vendors were happy with the turnout and said they would come back if we held it (at this writing I have received several inquiries from both vendors and shoppers) again in 2020.

Many volunteers baked cookies to go along with the coffee, tea, and juice. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success.

Vendors Wanted
Artisan Christmas Market
Saturday November 16th 10:00 am—2:00 pm

Handmade Items Only

Table Cost:
\$25.00 for 6 foot
\$30.00 for 8 foot

Tables need to be paid in full to secure your spot
First come First Serve

Payment can be made by:
Cash, Cheque (made out to Stettler United Church)
E-Transfer ~ stettuc@telusplanet.net (password: united)

Office Hours: 9 am—Noon (Monday—Friday)

For more information:
Call: Michele @ 403-742-3387
Email: stettuc@telusplanet.net



Respectfully Submitted by:
Michele Selinger

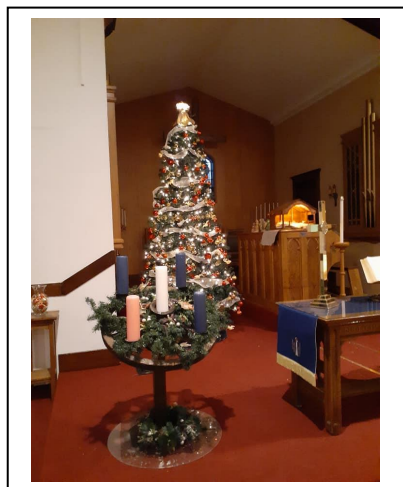


JOIN US!
Saturday November 16th
10:00 am—2:00 pm
Stettler United Church...For
Our First Ever
Artisan Christmas Market

Fireside Winery & Market Garden
Open noon to 8 p.m.

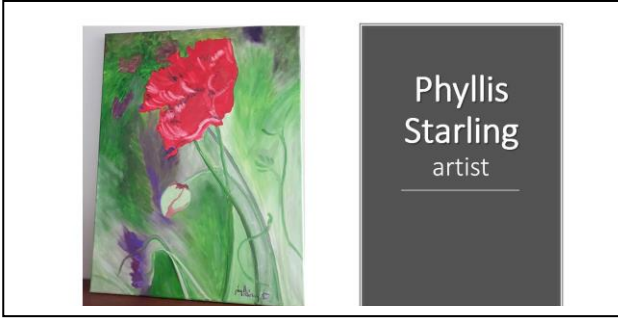
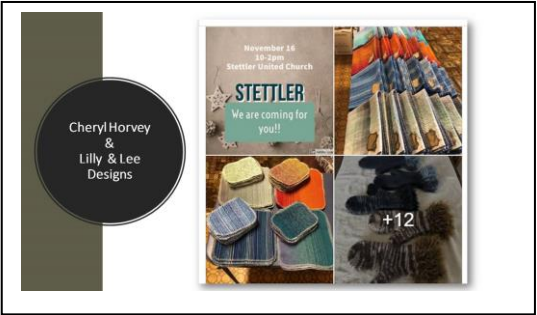
Non-Sulphur Wines	Future Wines	
Black Currant	Evans Cherry	Plum
Chokecherry	Raspberry	Crabapple
Mongolian Cherry	Saskatoon	
Strawberry		

Call for an appointment for small fruit trees, vegetables and fruit.
Marci and Larry Heck
403-740-0717 or 403-740-0649
#106, 39368 RR 19-2, Box 236, Stettler, AB T0C 2L0



THROW
kindness
AROUND LIKE
confetti

Chalk Elegance
An example
Stephanie
Nixon's
artistry



Artisan Christmas Market

By Jessica Jones For the Independent

The Stettler United Church is seeking vendors for an Artisan Christmas Market on Nov. 16th that will feature an array of handmade items from the community.

“We think it will be a well-attended day with good exposure and chances to network with people,” said Michele Selinger, office administrator for the Stettler United Church.

Some vendors will be coming from out of town to attend the market, which will act as a mini-fundraiser for the Stettler United Church, Selinger said. At least 10, six-ft. tables are available for different vendors to purchase

at \$25 each. Sales of the handmade items will go to the vendor who purchased the table.

“We are hoping to ignite some Christmas spirit,” Selinger said.

The items, however, don’t need to be Christmas-related, but Selinger specifies that they need to be homemade products.

“We think it will be a nice, relaxing day.

“It’s a chance to highlight creativity and the artisans in town, and gives people a chance to get some shopping done,” she said.

The Artisan Christmas Market goes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 16th. For more information contact Michele Selinger at 403-742-3387.

STETTLER & DISTRICT FOOD BANK SOCIETY

Although we are a separate society and operate independently of the church, we are grateful for the tremendous support that Stettler United Church provides to the food bank. We have over the years gradually taken up more space and are operating more hours which in itself becomes an activity and entity of Stettler United. We pay a nominal "rent" to the church.

In 2019 we had a total of 2726 adult visits, serving an average of 227 adults and 127 children each month. We have about 300 separate households in our files. Our numbers have remained quite stable for the past three years. Households with school age children may visit the food bank twice each month. Adult only households are welcome once each month. The cost of the average hamper that is given to a family of 3 to 4 is about \$100.00

Every week 15 to 20 volunteers keep the food bank running. We are thankful for all these volunteers who pick up groceries, stock shelves and work at the food bank. The staff at the church is also a huge help to us and we are very grateful for their contribution.

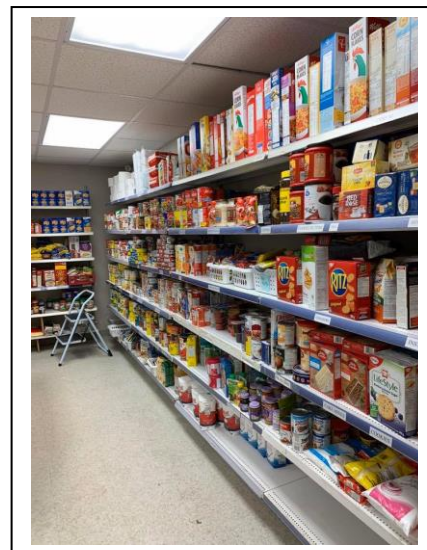
With food bank open two afternoons and one evening, and volunteers delivering and stocking groceries, there is food bank activity every day of the week and sometimes on the weekend.

We have no paid staff and receive no government funding. All the food that is given by the food bank is either donated or purchased with money that is donated by this community.

We are so grateful for all the individuals, clubs, organizations, Hutterite colonies, churches, schools, businesses and companies who donate time, food and cash. We live in a very generous community and without your support our Food Bank would not be able to operate.



Respectfully Submitted
Betty Birch



FUNDRAISERS 2019

Several fundraisers were held this year in addition to the annual spring fair, and the 1st artisan market.

1. 2 paint nights were held in 2019, one in January and the other in September. Both of these were a huge success with 70 attendees the first time, and 50 the second. This continues to be a popular evening and several requests have been made to hold another one. The flow art painting style allows everyone to participate and create a masterpiece

without the pressure of using brushes, or following the teacher in order to create a chosen picture.

Let it Flow ~ Paint Night
(Acrylic Flow Art)
January 18th, 2019, 7:00 pm, Stettler United Church




Tickets \$40.00 each
Includes: Wine & non alcoholic drinks, Snacks, 2 Canvases, Handouts, and all Supplies
Instructor/Presenter: Michele Selinger

- Tickets available from: Board members, Sue Stratulate, Joyce Wickstrom, or the church office (403-742-3387)
- Please purchase your tickets early so supplies can be gathered.
- Dress casual. It can be a bit messy.
- ****Note**** It is recommended that you leave your paintings to dry overnight. So, please bear in mind you will have to pick up your works of art on the 19th***

Paint Night ~ THANK YOU

55 participants, a great teacher, hosts and helpers, and approximately \$2,000.00!



Stettler United Church - Community Events
October 27th - Book Read Fall Supper Starts @ 4:00 pm
November 20th - Christmas Dinner @ 6:00 pm
December 17th - Christmas Dinner & Carols - 6:00 pm
Christmas Choir Rehearsal - December 18th 7:00 pm
Service of Light and Hope - December 24th 7:00 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:00 pm

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403-742-3387

Note It is recommended that you leave your paintings to dry overnight. So, please bear in mind you will have to pick up your works of art on the 19th***

2. Common Cup Concert ~ Although the concerts do not generate a lot of revenue, this evening was enjoyed by many. Everyone who attended said the evenings music really spoke to them.



3. No Bake Bake Sale ~ this fundraiser was suggested by Elpha Senft. The idea of this fundraiser takes the work out of baking by donating the funds it would take to create a delicious desert.

4. Silent Auction of 2 wooden bowls, Dave Denholm.



hand turned
donated by



Silent Auction Items for Stettler United Church
Bids close December 11/19 (Choir Carol Festival night)

These two turned wooden bowls were made by Dave Denholm. They came from an old willow tree on land farmed by Blanche & Werner Kruger. This is a great legacy project for these people who were part of the fabric of Stettler United Church for many years.



Silent Auction Winners!!
Norm Dennis &
Lori Roberts

After all expenses the total raised from fundraising in 2019 is: **\$8399.59!** If you have any ideas about any fundraisers, please don't keep them to yourself.

Respectfully Submitted
Michele Selinger

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Website ~ Our website continues to be updated with design changes as the developers upgrade the program. We have a lot of people that visit the website for information on events etc. If you have anything you would like on the website please stop and see Michele.

Online Giving ~ A few people have used the online giving tab. This is an easy and secure way for anyone to send contributions from wherever they are. If you are unsure about using this feature, please stop in the office and see Michele.

This feature makes it very convenient for anyone who is away on holiday, can't make it to Sunday worship, or thinks about contributing in the middle of the night. Visit our website at: <https://www.stettlerunitedchurch.org/>

Don't forget to like and follow us on facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stettlerunitedchurch/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StettlerUnitedChurchSmallGroups/>

Want to be the first to find out about events taking place? Sign up for the weekly announcements by sending an email to Michele @ stettuc@telusplanet.net with "sign me up for email" in the subject line.

Another convenient way to contribute, if you would like more information please



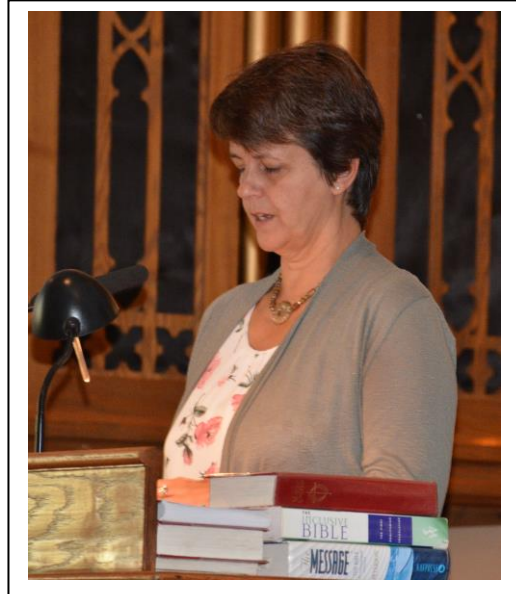
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PICTORIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

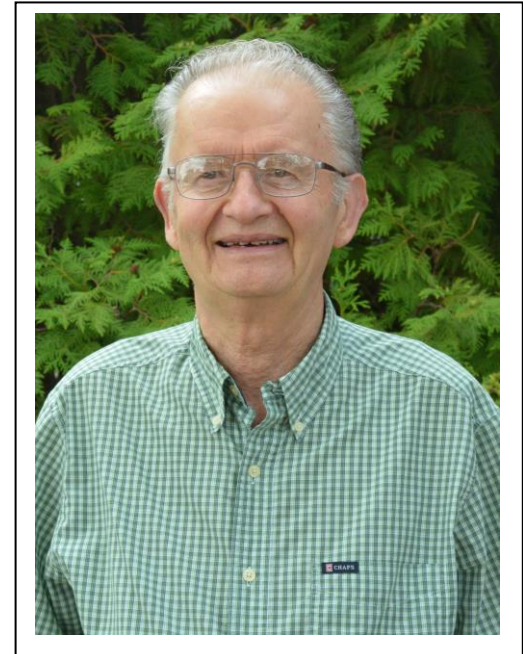
Sabbatical Pulpit Supply, Musicians, Helpers



**Barbara Lynn &
David Goodwin**



Sue Stratulate

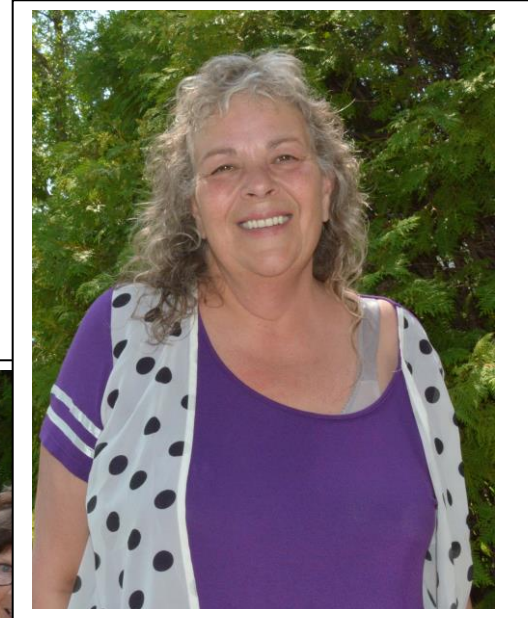


Mervyn Penfound



Barbara Lieurance

Sherrie Hughes

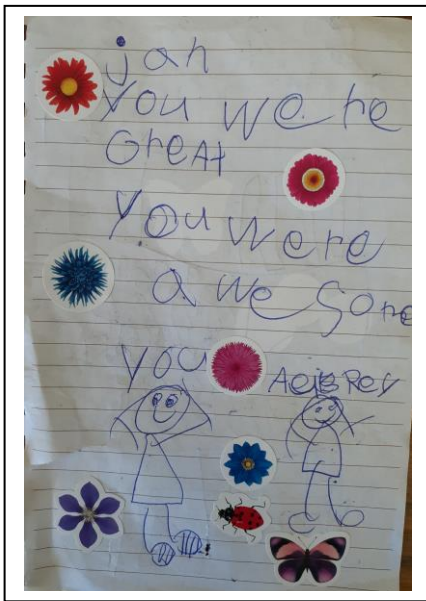


**Michele
Selinger**

M & P

Committee

Jan's Sabbatical Time

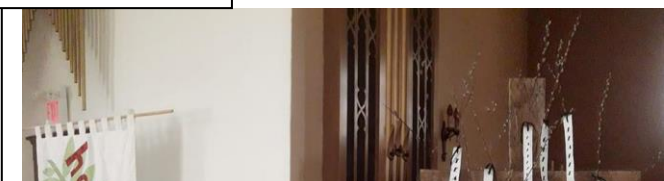


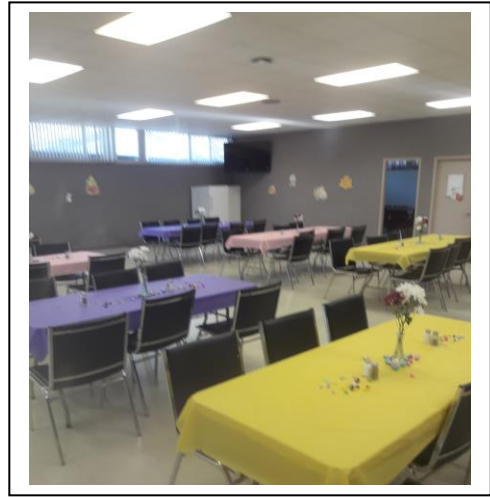
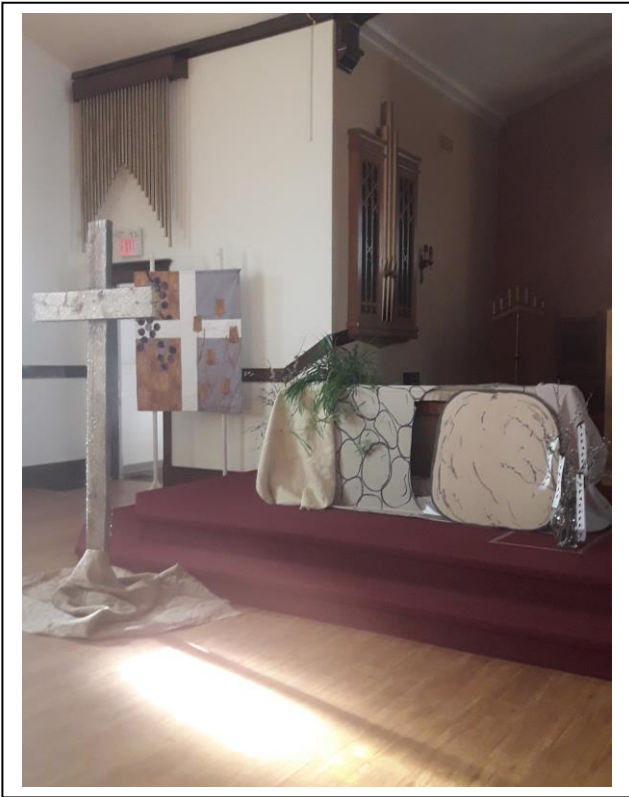


Highlight of Jan & Bob's Year

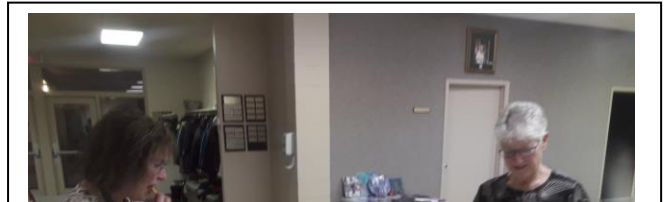
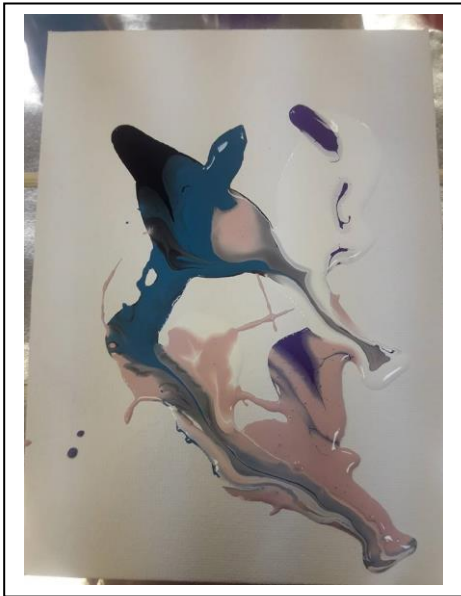


Grandson ~ Asher



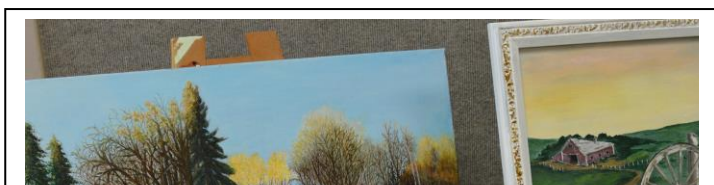


2019 Paint Night





Welcome Sunday




JC (Junior Christians) Club & YAC (Youth at Church):






2019 Lenten Series

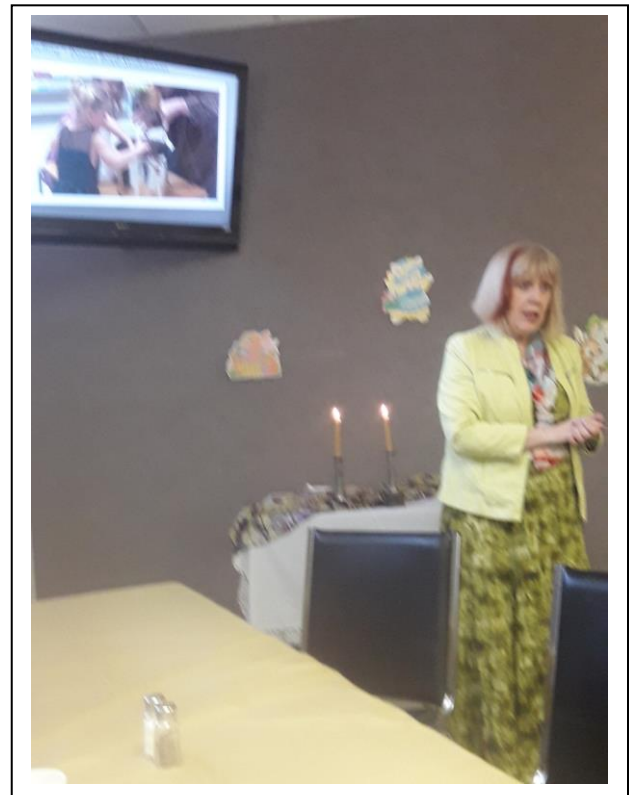


KEEPING SABBATH

A Series for the Season of Lent
Thursdays, March 14 – April 18
6:30 – 8:30 pm
*Come to one, some, or all sessions.
Car-pool from Stettler for the nights at Erskine.*

- March 14 ~ Introductory session, Jan Richardson facilitating @ Stettler United Church
- March 21 ~ *The Artist's Way* as facilitated by Michele Selinger @ Stettler United
- March 28 ~ Barbara Lieurance facilitating @ Erskine United Church
- April 4 ~ Barbara Lieurance facilitating @ Erskine United Church
- April 11 ~ Live Simply so Others Can Simply Live ~ simplicity in food and fashion (supper provided) @ Stettler United
- April 18 ~ Holy Thursday @ Stettler United Church





**Donna sharing Stone Soup Story
Lenten Series**

Spring Fair 2019

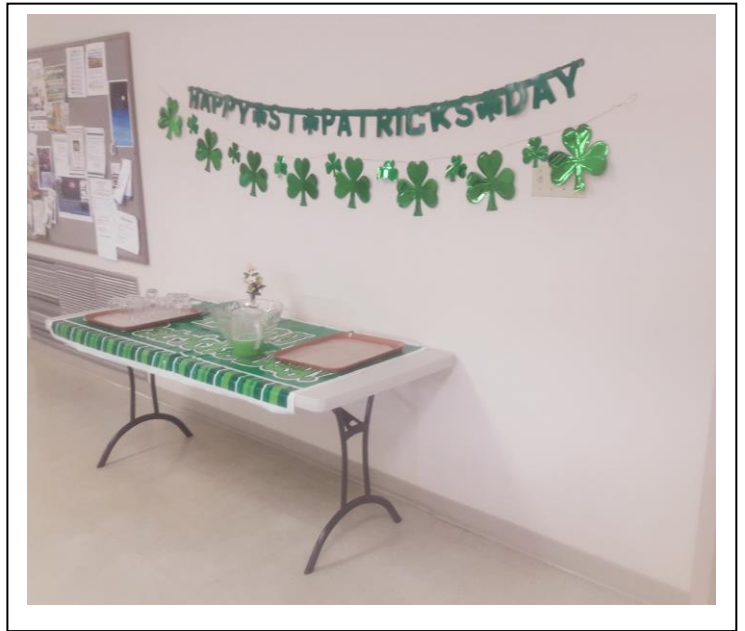
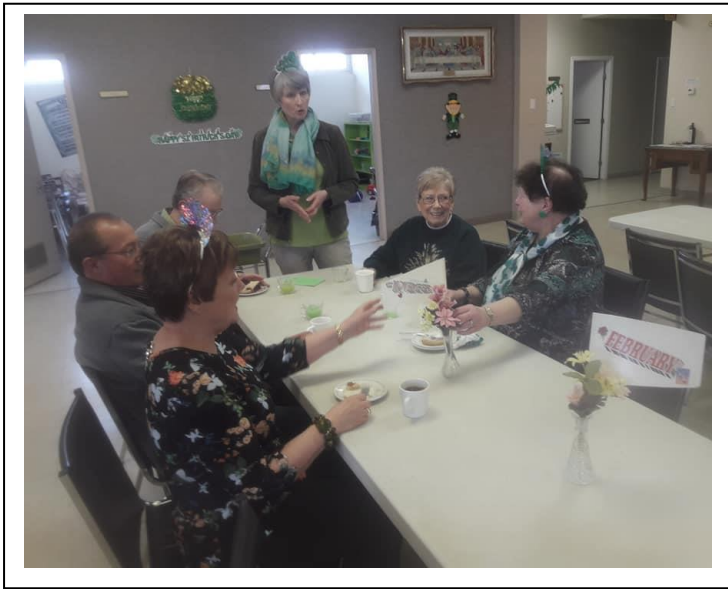




**Canadian Foodgrains Bank
World Food Sunday**

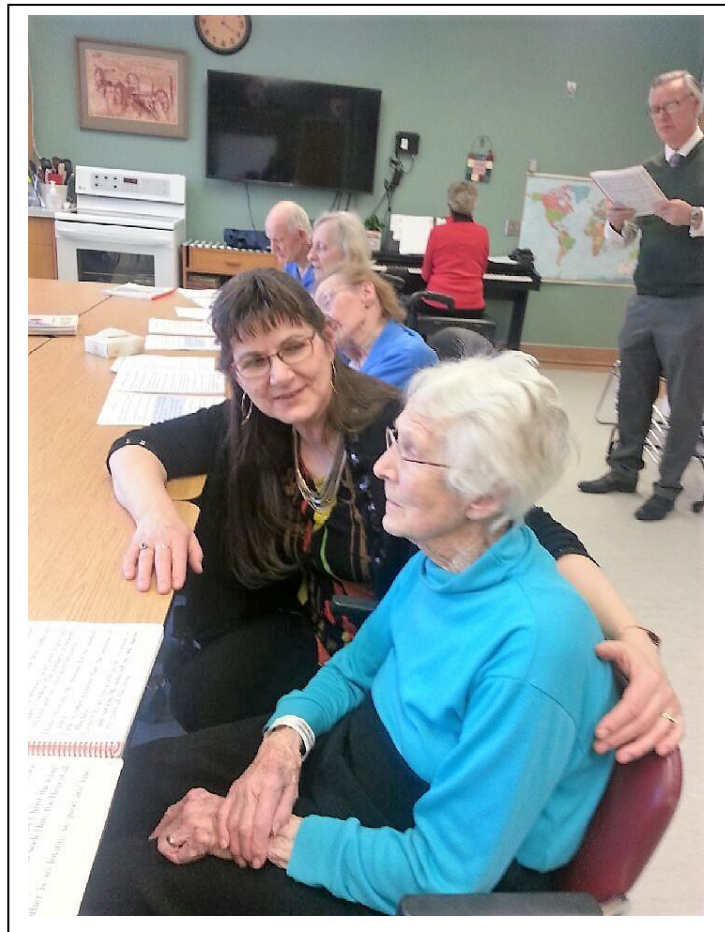


Birthday Pie Day

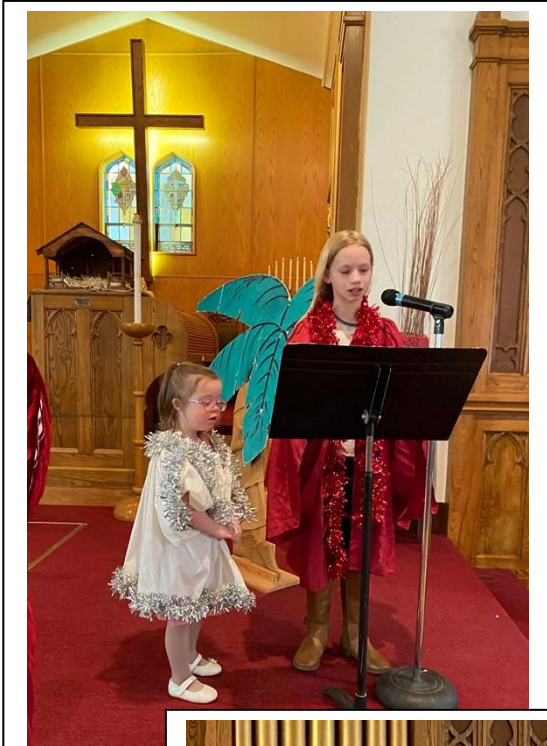




**Marguerite Baugh
Heritage House ~ February 2019**



Christmas 2019



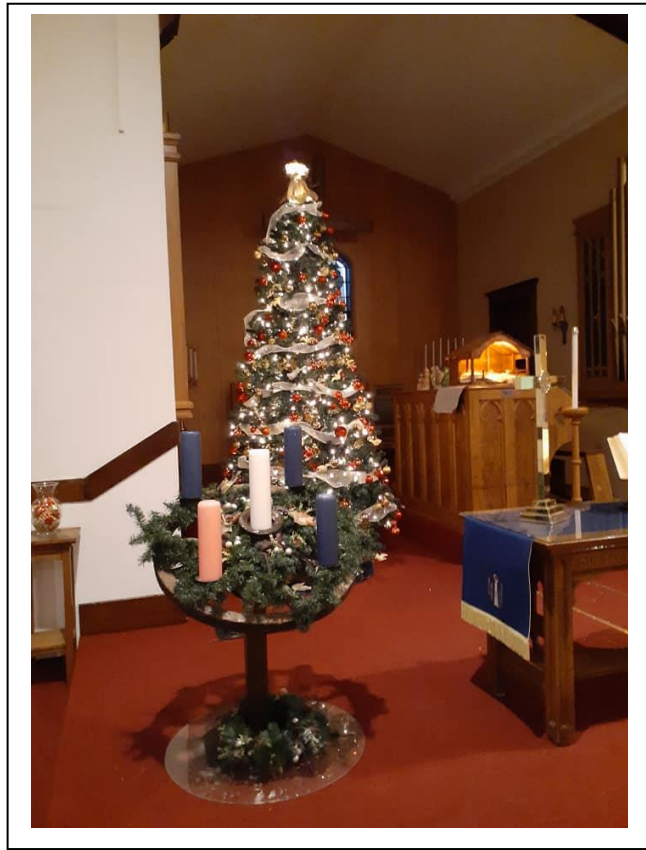
Cast Pageant 2019

**Callie & Kylar
December 08, 2019**



**Jeaden Norman
December 08, 2019**

**McKenzie Family
Pageant 2019**

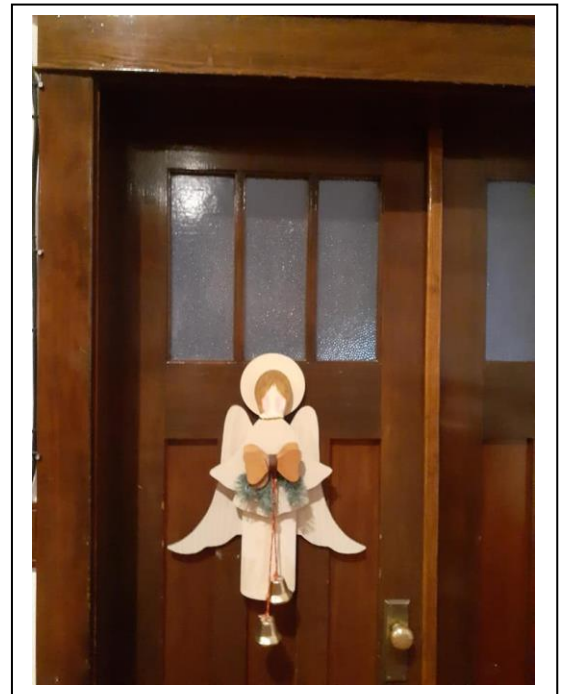


White Gift Sunday 2019

A Service of Light and Hope
4:00 pm, Sunday, December 15/19
at
Stettler United Church
4820 – 51 Street
All are welcome to share the gentle Spirit of Christmas

Believing God's love is tender and true, we gather to share prayer, scripture, song and silence. We'll light candles of memory and hope with/for those living with illness, grief, transition, loss and longing, at this time.

Refreshments follow the service.
Contact person: Jan Richardson (403-742-3333)





**Phyllis Starling ~ Artwork
Remembrance Sunday**



New Cooler



We get all kinds
of visitors here!!



BAR HARBOUR UNITED CHURCH CAMP

2019 was a good camping year.

We have summer programming for ages 6-17 years of age and this year we had 225 campers join us for four 1/2 weeks of camp. This included a 'Fall Finale' camp of two days in early September for ages 13-17 — by request.

Nine staff members and five volunteers created a fun-filled program which included crafts, sports, swimming in the lake, canoeing, archery, campfires, night games, God-talk and good food.

We were not able to access any Government grants for staffing this year, and so are very grateful for the generosity of Chinook Winds Region which gave us a grant instead.

Our extension building is almost complete. The new bathrooms were working for 2019 — Yay! The carpets in the staff quarters are now in and we're just waiting for finishing touches so that we can move in.

Due to a number of small break-ins, we have increased our security ... annoying but it could have been worse.

We are grateful for the baking help that we received in 2019. The provision of cookies and muffins was absolutely amazing. Thank you to everyone to come and baked or sent their nut-free baking to us. What a difference it made for our kitchen helpers.

Bar Harbour Camp has a campership program to support families who might otherwise not be able to afford to have their children join us. Eleven campers joined us under this program, in 2019.

We are so grateful for the continued support of our church partners. You help us share awareness of our camp, you provide us with baking, you offer us funding/ and donations,

Thank you for continuing to support us as we make church and summer a welcoming place for children to be.



STETTLER UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of Faith, the Stettler United Church seeks to celebrate God's love and our belief in the teachings of Jesus the Christ. We are committed to:

- ✚ ministering to the needs of all God's people
- ✚ nurturing the young
- ✚ addressing the spiritual and physical needs of children, youth, and adults through worship, music, study, and service
- ✚ the continued maintenance and development of our Church building and property, to be an effective facility to serve the needs of the congregation and community

Through these commitments, we strive to become a visible sign of God's presence and love.



2018 BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Tennant Charlotte Chase Linda Day
Myrna Stevens Matt Dorsett
Amber Dorsett Mary-Lou Manson
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

2018 TRUSTEES

Joan Baltimore Ward Krejci John Penner Betty Birch
Gerry Bennett

2019 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS TO STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

None Recorded

2019 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS FROM STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

None Recorded

2019 REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

NAME
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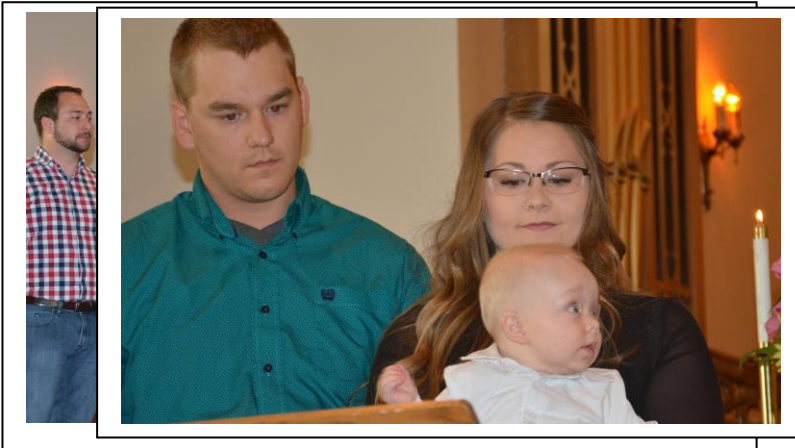
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2019 BAPTISM

NAME
BRAK, Jackson Samuel

PARENTS
BRAK, Wesley Jordan
BRAK, (Walker) Raevan Suzanne

DATE
September 15





2019 WEDDINGS

GROOM

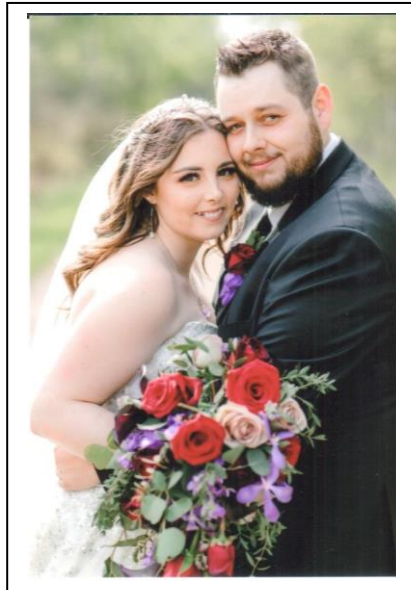
SCHMELZER, Steven Corey

BRIDE

ROBINSON, Janille Louise

DATE

May 25



WATSON, Conrad

LUCHENSKI, Erin

July 06

2019 FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

NAME

CHAPMAN, Ricky Dane

HOHMANN, Kathleen Elaine

BALTIMORE, Dorothy Mae

DATE OF DEATH

March 21

May 26

June 25

PEARSON, John Frederick
BIBLE, Bertha Jane
HENNEL, Raymond William
HENNEL, Alice Elaine
GIBBON, William Earl
O'HARA, Rhea Ann

July 11
August 02
August 07
August 23
July 22
October 19



A New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's World.
We believe in God:
Who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.



UCW FINANCES

	January 1, 2019 to 31-Dec-19	2020 Estimate
Bank Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 3,307.57	\$ -
Receipts:		
Rotary	\$ 10,638.73	\$ 7,000.00
UCW	\$ 19,001.73	\$ 12,000.00
Donations	<u>\$ 1,050.00</u>	<u>\$ 300.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 30,690.46</u>	<u>\$ 19,300.00</u>
plus beginning bank balance	<u>\$ 33,998.03</u>	
Disbursements:		
Local Church	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
Outside Projects:		
St Andrews College	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
St. Stephens College	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Camrose Shelter	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Central Alberta Shelter	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Student Bursary Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Bissel Centre	\$ 400.00	\$ 300.00
Bar Harbour	\$ 425.00	\$ 300.00
Total Outside Projects	\$ 1,825.00	\$ 1,600.00
Local Expenses:		
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 217.32	\$ 500.00
Kitchen Equipment and Repair	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Catering Supplies	\$ 1,294.65	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 1,451.81</u>	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total Local Expenses	<u>\$ 2,963.78</u>	<u>\$ 6,500.00</u>
Total Expenses:	<u>\$ 27,288.78</u>	<u>\$ 23,100.00</u>
Book Balance as per Dec/19 Reconciliation	\$ 168.31	\$ -
2017 Miscellaneous Expenses		
Lifetime UCW pin for Delores Duris	\$ 60.00	
Bank Charges	\$ 181.11	
Bazaar Costs	\$ 154.00	
Staff Gifts	\$ 400.00	
Bazaar Flowers	\$ 56.70	
Fall Supper/Bazaar Floats	\$ 600.00	
Total	<u>\$ 1,451.81</u>	

**STETTLER UNITED CHURCH – BALANCE SHEET
UPDATED 2019**

ASSET

Current Assets

Bank Chequing	\$8827.71
CU Bank Chequing	\$9197.89
Savings Account	\$59614.55
Investment RBC – Memorial Fund	\$5,774.70
GST Refundable	\$588.73

Total Current Assets \$84003.58

TOTAL ASSET **\$84,003.58**

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities \$0.00

TOTAL LIABILITY \$0.00

EQUITY

Equity

Equity – Memorial	\$22,853.80
Retained Earnings	\$76,923.20
Current Earnings	\$-15,773.42

Total Equity \$84,003.58

TOTAL EQUITY \$84,003.58

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **\$84,003.58**

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance Forward, January 1, 2019	\$17194.08
Plus: 2019 Interest Royal Bank GIC	\$28.89
Plus: 2019 Memorials	\$9615.10
Less 2019 Memorial Purchases (Cooler & Humidifier)	<u>\$3984.27</u>
Balance, December 31, 2019	<u>\$22853.80</u>

