

# Annual Report 2019/20

## St. David's United Church

# Growing & deepening our spiritual lives in an affirming and inclusive community



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# ST. DAVID'S CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

2019-2020 (as of November 14, 2019)

## CHAIR

Brenda Wallace Jun-19

## VICE CHAIR

- vacant -

## PAST CHAIR

Debra Chamuski Jun-19

## A.C.T.S.

Jock McTavish (2003)  
Bonnae McTavish (2006)  
Marlene Holst (2011)  
Joan Gray (2012)

Wayne Holst (adult ministry)  
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

## PSALT

Debra Charnuski Jun-19  
PSALT members

## MINISTRY OF FAMILIES

## FINANCE

Colin Outtrim (2018) Jun-21  
Eldon Godfrey Jun-21  
Bob Clare (advisory)  
Mike Stockdale (Treasurer)  
Paige Martin (Accountant)

## EDGE COMMITTEE

Colin Outtrim (Chair) Jun-21  
Deb Chamuski  
Peggy McDonagh

## SECRETARY

- vacant -

## TREASURER

Mike Stockdale Jun-21

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Kathy Koehler (Chair)  
Bill Dickson

Peggy McDonagh

## MUSIC

Bruce Clark  
Ian McDonald  
Lloyd Faas  
Betsy Woolner  
Heather McKeague  
Jo Galinis-Ursel  
Garrett Krause  
Paula Davis  
Brent Tucker

## PASTORAL CARE

Janet Clare Jun-21  
Marilyn Outtrim Jun-21  
Janet Larson  
Audrey Bridgewater Jun-19  
Linda Michel

(Debbie Stockdale advisor)

## PROPERTY

Bruce Sunderland (Chair) Jun-19  
Sherri Melrose Jun-18  
David McMurtry

## AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

Jennifer Ferleyko (Chair)  
Lori McLaren  
Darlene Heynen  
Dianne Trew  
Mike Trew

## CHINOOK WINDS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Gary Koehler Jun-19  
Marion Whitman Jun-19

## PSALT

Deb Chamuski

## WORSHIP

Darlene Heynen Jun-21  
Joeli Frank Jun-21  
Tom Frank Jun-21

Brent Tucker (music director)  
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

## COMMUNICATION

Chantal Winslow Jun-20

## TRUSTEES

Dave McMurtry (2000)  
Jack Beaton  
Kerri Duncan-McCartney  
Gary Koehler  
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

## FOUNDATION

Janet Frolich (Chair) Jun-19  
Frans Heynen Jun-19  
Bill Dickson Jun-19  
Ruth Cross Jun-19  
Norm Shannon Jun-19  
Mike Stockdale Jun-19  
Ross Purvis Jun-19

Compiled by Deb Chamuski. Terms began stated month/year.

Bold Italics = Chair

# In loving memory

## July 2019 - June 2020

Margaret Jean (Peggy) Summers....July 16, 2019

Beatrice Cochrane.....August 19, 2019

Hazel Fong.....September 4, 2019

Bob Church.....September 6, 2019

Valerie Nemeth.....October 1, 2019

Leon Matwe.....October 11, 2019

Steven Fass.....November 12, 2019

Reginald Keatley.....December 19, 2019

Connie Hanwell.....December 23, 2019

Linda Hancock.....January 11, 2020

Graham Thompson.....January 22, 2020

John Wilkes.....January 26, 2020

Gordon Anderson.....March 4, 2020

Elaine Fox.....April 2, 2020

Orpha Parfett.....May 9, 2020

Doreen Hurtubise.....June 17, 2020



# Minister of Congregational Operations and Worship

We have arrived at the end of another church year. It is an ending as such that we have not experienced before and hopefully will not experience again.

When we began the new church year in June, life was lived per usual. This Annual Report reflects St. David's life and work until our closure in March due to the Corona-virus pandemic.

As you can see from the report, St. David's was a busy, active church with many outside organizations using our building and many events running throughout the week. It is no easy task to keep all this activity monitored and organized on top of all the many and varied administrative duties needing to get done. Chantal kept us afloat in this regard. Thanks to Chantal, our ever diligent, organized, and dedicated office administrator.

Marlene Holst and Marion Whitman kindly stepped in to manage office tasks when Chantal is away. A warm thanks to Debbie Stockdale for her gracious, kind, and caring pastoral ministry. Debbie has been such a gift to this congregation and to me. She and the Pastoral Care Committee kept in touch with St. David's people who for various reasons are no longer able to attend Sunday worship. Debbie extended her compassion, grace, and comfort to so many of our faith family. She helped us keep apprised of where people are living and how they are doing.

I express my gratitude to the staff for their dedication, care, patience, and fortitude. Thanks to Wayne for his commitment and dedication to the education and spiritual health of St. David's. Through his ministry via the ACTS and Bible Study programs, Wayne invites people to explore, learn, engage and expand their wisdom and knowledge. Along with Jock and Brenda, Wayne has provided a lasting and thriving ministry at St. David's. Thanks to Brent for his unwavering energy to offer a diverse music ministry at St. David's. Thanks to Paige, our accountant, for her attention and attentiveness. Thanks to Wally, who keeps the building functioning and clean.

March arrived along with the virus, and St. David's closed its doors. Some staff continued to work in the building while others worked from home. The early months of closure challenged the tech team, Brent, and myself to learn how to keep the congregation connected and worshipping together. Zoom became the most excellent platform for connecting people and became our online worship platform. We are into our ninth month of the pandemic and into what right now is our new normal. I am incredibly grateful to the team that enables worship to be brought into your homes each Sunday. This team comprises Deb Charnuski, Brenda Wallace, David Layton, Tapas Sikdor, Brent, choir members, and others.

Debbie Stockdale and the Pastoral Care Team have so lovingly and kindly kept up the excellent work of pastoral care during these months. The staff continues to work creatively together to find ways to keep the congregation connecting and connected.

Wayne, Brenda, Deb, Joan, and others have enabled the book and bible study groups to continue using the Zoom platform.

Chantal works in the office three days a week, providing administrative support because although life is not the same at St. David's, we are still active and functioning in various ways. Paige, like all of us, is experiencing the challenges of this new normal. I thank her for her fortitude and commitment to St. David's. Brent continues to provide music leadership in his joyful and positive manner.

In our online worship times, we have journeyed into moments of deeper reflection about the meaning and purpose of life as we are experiencing in these pandemic times. May we always remember that despite all that surrounds us and concerns us, life is beautiful, God is good, and we are held in divine love and comfort.

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I want to express my deepest thanks to the congregation for your impressive financial support that ensures that St. David's survives and thrives in these times. Please know that you are all held in love by the staff and Council of St. David's. May we never stop loving wastefully, living responsibly, and keeping ourselves and others safe and well. May love and compassion guide our hearts. May we continue to lead lives that are faithful and courageous and infused with wonder, beauty, and goodness.

In closing, I wish to say that it has been and continues to be gratifying to be on this faith and spiritual adventure with you. I invite us to stay firm and committed to this journey that challenges us in so many ways as we together continue to grow and deepen our spiritual lives. Thanks for being a blessing to each other and to me.

Namaste,

## Council Chair Message

What an amazing unanticipated year this has been for Council at St. David's. Little did I know that the final six meetings of 2019-2020 of Council would be conducted from my dining room table on ZOOM. The truth is that we have been able to take full advantage of technology available to us to carry on the business of St. David's. We are most grateful to our congregation for their generosity during the past months as we have been obligated to develop new ways of meeting our shared needs as a congregation.

When I started my term as Chair of St. David's Council, I had served on executive as Chair of ACTS and of PSALT for several years so was very familiar with the issues facing our congregation. Our Edge Committee was challenging us to look to new ways of being a congregation capable of meeting changing needs, we were developing a familiarity with a new Chinook Winds Regional Structure for the United Church of Canada, headquartered in Okotoks, and building a relationship with other NW churches of Calgary (SPARK) as we considered shared options and possibilities. It was not surprising to realize we were facing the same challenges.

In September, 2019, St. David's hosted the SPARK meeting for NW area United Church at which we were well represented. Subsequent meetings prior to COVID-19 protocol were attended by clergy as well as Council and after our last Sunday Service, March 15, 2020 we were most grateful for Chinook Winds Regional guidance as to the use of ZOOM (Leadershift) and Youtube as a way of keeping our congregation connected on a weekly basis.

Some of the highlights from the 2019-2020 year are as follows:

- Congregation Meeting on October 6, 2019 gave approval for the revised budget for 2019-2020.
- successful grant proposals were submitted for EDGE work to be carried out — our committee met regularly with our consultant, Rob Dalglish, from head office on a regular basis.
- Children's Ministry went forward with volunteers from the congregation participating in a program entitled 'A Joyful Path.'
- Harvest Tea under the guidance of Chantal Winslow, admin. and birthday party for Rev. Peggy were gala affairs.
- streamlining of financial structures, reporting and protocol at St. David's

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- inclusion of St. David's Trustees at Council Meetings
- St. David's Membership with Calgary Alliance of Common Good
- Annual General Meeting November 24, 2019.
- Fundscrip Fund Raiser begun in December.
- Rev. Debbie Stockdale's Pastoral Care Ministry Contract renewed and extended.
- Policy for Wedding and Funeral payment schedules determined.
- March 17, 2020 Emergency Meeting (online) at which it was decided that the office, programs and in-person services at St. David's would cease until given the go-ahead to re-open by Chinook Winds Regional and Alberta Health.
- Regular communication with St. David's Congregation through Sunday Worship services, website ([sduc.ca](http://sduc.ca)), e-mail and letter campaigns.
- Annual Budget Meeting: June 14, 2020 Online
- the Re-Opening Committee was established and began its work in June, establishing protocol and making necessary adjustments for eventual return to worship and activities at St. David's.

Truly, 2019-2020 has presented unique challenges. When ACTS, with some 30 participants, held its annual Lenten Retreat at Mt. St. Francis on a beautiful sunny spring day, Sunday, March 15, it was inconceivable to think that we would not be together again for a long while. Our Monday Night Book Study and Thursday Morning Bible Study have been meeting regularly on ZOOM and, on Sunday mornings, when we admit St. Davidians into our service, it is a recognition that we are a strong, devoted, dedicated community of Christians who are continuing to **"Grow and Deepen our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming, Inclusive Community."**

Yours in Our Journey of Faith,  
Brenda Wallace, Chair of Council

# ACTS

**Mission:** To affirm and expand opportunities for adult development and learning within the context of the Christian faith both at St David's and in the wider community.

**Committee Members:** Brenda Wallace, Wayne Holst (Staff), Jock McTavish, Bonnae McTavish, Marlene Holst, Joan Gray and Peggy McDonagh (Staff)

## ACTS News

The ACTS Ministry continues to be an important role in the ongoing story of St David's United Church. We focus both on spiritual growth as well as social justice. We are challenged to deepen our understanding and awareness as we live out our faith in the 21 Century and all it's complexity of issues and changing dynamics.

**Library:** An important part of St David's are our books and the little libraries at St David's are an integral part of that. We had been very fortunate for some years, to have had the talents of Kerry Duncan McCartney who took over and transformed our little library into an enticing orderly arrangement of books and furniture creating a conversation/reading area in the foyer and an encouragement for everyone to borrow and enjoy the books. Her years of dedication we have so appreciated. In the spring of 2020 Kerry decided to hand over the reins so she devote more of her free time to other challenges and adventures. Thank you Kerry! We welcome Nancy Louise Erickson who so kindly took over the duties.

We continue to add a variety of new book titles to our library, and our collection keeps growing and evolving. We hope that in 2021 we can get back to enjoying our little foyer library (and all it's books), as well as the reference library in the Tatangi Mani Room.

By the nature of our programs, ACTS' presence is often visible Sunday mornings before and after service as members of our congregation have an opportunity to purchase books or register for programs that we provide. A wonderful display banner shows an overview of our programs to members and all those that visit St David's during the week We are proud of the range of activities and services rendered St David's people and thank our many volunteers leaders and supporters.

A great way to keep informed of ACTS activities, and indeed ***all of what goes on at St David's is to check our website at SDUC.ca*** Our own Brenda Wallace as webmaster, devotes much time keeping this website current and ship shape. Check it out.

## Special Events in the Reporting Year

**St David's Spiritual Travellers** - In the spring of 2019 Wayne and Marlene Holst in conjunction with Rostad Tours took many willing travellers on an Eastern Europe Tour. It was a great opportunity to learn so much a part of these countries in Europe as well as Russia. Wayne and Marlene have taken us to so many interesting places over the years. We are of good hope that perhaps in 2021 a group of us may yet again, set our sails to some distance shores in this incredible world.

**ACTS Christmas Book Sales** - We had a good book sale at Christmas in 2019, often selling books that had been suggested for our book study. Samples of the books offered were also added to the library collection. Unfortunately, there will not be a book sale for Christmas 2020 because of Covid 19.

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**Silent Retreat** - Our seventh annual retreat was held on March 15, 2020 at Mount Saint Francis Retreat Centre by Cockrane Alberta. Susan Campbell, director of MSF led us through the afternoon with this year's theme, about St Francis himself. It was a very wonderful afternoon and one of the last get together events of St David's before things shut down over the virus. Still we are hopeful for next year and have a date set for March 2021.

### Programming:

**Monday Night Book Study** - Fall of 2019 we studied the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Winter/Spring 2020 we studied *Future Faith* by Wesley Granberg Michaelson, and currently, fall of 2020 we are studying *Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Fall 2020 series we have met the challenge of meeting via Zoom and have in fact increased our participants and range from parts afar (Toronto, Comox and Kamloops, BC and even Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA.) This technological wizardry is thanks in large part to our own Brenda Wallace, as well as other's talents.

Jock McTavish and Wayne Holst have been at the helm of guiding us through many book series and then for the past 4 years or so the added leadership of Brenda Wallace. Jock McTavish who co lead the Book Studies with Wayne Holst since it's start, 21 years ago (1999) has had to pull back on his leadership role in the spring of 2019, due to health problems. When we meet on zoom, and if he and Bonnae, who recently has had health issues of her own, are not able to join in, they are always a part of this group in spirit and heart.

In the fall of 2019 when we took up the book, *Holy Envy*, we were privileged to get the opportunities to visit an Ahmadiyya Islamic Mosque as well as a Buddhist Temple, and then we had a guest speaker from the Hindu faith, Usha Sharma. We learnt a lot about other faiths through these remarkable experiences.

Thanks to Marlene Holst for her wonderful hospitality when we did meet at the church. Also thanks to Brenda Wallace who offers weekly input by uploading session power points which can be located by searching SDUC.ca and then following "Ministries" and "ACTS" in the address bar.

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - A friendly group of adults join Wayne Holst in their study of the Bible. We currently have 14 participants. For the fall of 2020 (meeting on Zoom) we are studying *Women in the Bible* both in the Hebrew and Christian texts. We also use the book *DK Complete Bible Handbook* as a supplementary resource, helping us to better understand the context. The Bible Study lead by Wayne Holst has been going since 2003, and we are fortunate to have this program at St David's.

An exciting extension of our commitment to community outreach has been our membership in the **Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG)**. Along with 28 other member organizations the focus continues to reflect changing needs. We have been particularly interested in Seniors' issues and to that end our Senior's Corner has met regularly to share ways of availing themselves to the opportunities offered to seniors in Calgary. Reconciliation with Indigenous Canadians (through the McDougall Stoney Mission Society) is also a key focus. Recognition for dedication involvement to these issues goes to Pat Fryers, Marlene Holst and Sherri Melrose for Seniors; June Martin and Donna Fallon for Stoney Mission support. The aim of the CACG is to "**Organize the power of communities to shape a just and compassionate city.**" ACTS has financially supported in part the yearly membership of this worthy outreach program. To further understand the scope of it's mandate, check out at SDUC.ca then ministries, then Adult Spiritual Development and there you will see calgarycommongood.org. It's also on the list on the left hand side of the page.

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ACTS, through Wayne, helps The **McDougall Stoney Mission Society**. The society normally holds two annual services (June and September) on site of the old church burnt down in 2017. Regular meetings of the society are held at St David's. The society is busy completing the building of the new church. In fact, on Oct 23, 2020 there was a special ceremony to raise the new bell in the bell tower of the church. A smudge ceremony was performed by the Nakoda Elders. The bell was rung by some of the Elders for the first time in 3 and a half years.

St David's Adult Spiritual Development Ministry, led by Wayne Holst acknowledges Wayne's weekly **Col-leagues List** blog with timely information regarding contemporary theological and spiritual writings. Thanks to Wayne for his work with the CACG and continuing liaison's with the U of C.

ACTS Ministry continues to support the **Hearts and Hands Foundation** with Bill Way from St David's chairing the Board of Directors. In addition to guiding stove-building trips to Guatemala, the Foundation is developing curriculum in the native language of the Mayans, to whom Heart and Hands is dedicated. ACTS contributed to this project in 2019. Unfortunately the planned trips to Guatemala in the spring of 2020 had to be cancelled due to Covid 19. More history and information about Hearts and Hands can be found under their website with the link under SDUC.ca Ministries, Adult Spiritual Development then on the left hand list of related links.

### Conclusion:

In the past few years, the ACTS ministry has contributed \$500 yearly to the operating fund of SDUC in addition to itself being a self-funding ministry. All profits we receive from book sales and program registrations are returned to support St David's.

Signed,

Brenda Wallace

# Refugee Committee

## The Board of Trustees

St. David's Board of trustees holds title to St. David's real and personal property for the use and benefit of the congregation. The trustees are elected by the congregation and are governed by public statute and the requirements of the United Church of Canada.

At St. David's property matters are handled by Property Committee and financial matters are the joint responsibility of the Trustees and the Finance Committee. The trustees endeavour to see that St. David's financial assets are managed to provide reasonable rates of return in line with prudent investment practices. All other relevant matters including insurance are handled by the trustees. Insurance coverage is regularly updated to reflect the value of St. David's assets and to cover its various activities.

St. David's Trustees for 2019-20 beginning July 1, 2019 were Peggy McDonagh, Jack Beaton, Gary Koehler, Kerry Duncan McCartney and David McMurtry. The trustees for 2020-2021 beginning July 1, 2020 are Gary Koehler, Kerry Duncan McCartney, David McMurtry and Peggy McDonough.

Respectfully submitted  
David McMurtry

# Communications

This year's Communications Committee really was divided by the Time of COVID-19. From September to March, Chantal Winslow, our office administrator, published weekly and quarterly Newsletters and authorized advertising materials as well as ensured that our many computers were working at peak performance. Our networks seemed to be working well with the elimination of feedback in our sound system and projection screens, front and back of the sanctuary, providing maximum accessibility. Some frustrations were expressed regarding availability of wifi connection in various locations of our building, however the March to June 2020 changed all that.

As we moved into the ZOOM period at St. David's, it was necessary to ensure maximum internet speed and connectivity throughout the building. Our rental to Iglesia ni Cristo required a hard wired connection for their online worship services and it soon became abundantly clear that we would require quality wifi in order for us to properly share our worship services on ZOOM Sunday morning and, later, Youtube. Thanks go to Deb Charnuski, Mohammed and members of the PSALT team who have worked hard to keep us connected during the Time of COVID-19.

Updating the **church website** [www.sduc.ca](http://www.sduc.ca) keeps Brenda Wallace, Chair of Council, well informed as to the happenings at St. David's. Come March 15, 2020 - our last formal church worship service, Sermon Youtubes, Worship Guides and texts have been uploaded to the site. See HOME/SERMONS. The cost for maintaining our website through TITHELY continues to be quite reasonable. As well updates are added on a regular basis to our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/sduc.ca>

Coordinating and funding activities of the PSALT (Projection, Sound and Light Team) and providing sound and projection support for weddings, funerals, and other special events at the church was administered by incoming Chair of PSALT, Debra Charnuski and Office Administrator, Chantal Winslow.

Work continues on the improvement and maintenance of the sound, light and projection capabilities at SDUC with special thanks to the amazing and dedicated PSALT team. Watch for upcoming training sessions for PSALT and the installation of monitors for choir members. The tech team has become quite proficient at running ZOOM on Sunday morning. Regular meetings of Council have switched seamlessly to ZOOM.

Special thanks go to members of the PSALT team who faithfully participate in the Sunday morning service and other PSALT functions: Mike Trew, Alison Slater, Tapas Sikder, Meryl Arnott, David Mitchell, Barry Marcellus, Jonathan Sharp, George White, Brenda Wallace and Deb Charnuski.

We are always looking for more people to be involved in this committee, so if you are interested, **please** contact the church office, Brenda Wallace or Debra Charnuski.

Brenda Wallace, Deb Charnuski, Chantal Winslow  
Communications Committee

# Edge Committee

Following the 2018 congregational sourced data gathering which resulted in over 1000 comments, observations and suggestions, the SDUC EDGE Committee got to work defining the actions to be taken. In 2019 the implementation committee, of Peggy McDonough, Deb Charnuski, and Colin Outtrim, began the hard work of choosing a manageable number of actions to be investigated.

By early 2019 the Toronto office of the UCC assigned Rob Dalgleish as our EDGE coach to work with us on implementing action. Unfortunately, Rob suffered injuries in an accident that took him out of participation for a couple of months in late 2019.

Since then, we have been introduced to an array of consulting service available to us. We had grant money offered to us and additional consultant support to mesh our discoveries, our thinking and our objectives with other NW Calgary churches.

We began a bi-weekly invitation to the congregation to spend a little time during Sunday coffee time to share ideas and to learn of EDGE Committee actions. We met with Calgary Alliance for the Common Good to see what avenues of cooperation might be achieved with their help. At this time there has not been any follow-up.

Many members of our congregation supplied EDGE with ideas for evolving who we are.

Joel Den Haan, a well-known consultant to the United Church, met with Deb and discussed the potential for SDUC and approximately three other churches to co-participate in a study of the facilities use for the group of churches. Some exciting initial discussion did take place just before COVID 19 struck.

COVID 19 affected our planning as it did for so much more around the world.

No added discussion has taken place since March 2020.

Submitted by EDGE members  
Peggy, Deborah and Collin

# Affirming Committee

The Affirming Committee, headed by Jennifer McTavish were still active at St. David's during this fiscal year, however, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, they were not able to participate in many of their regular activities and events.

Faithfully submitted on behalf of the Affirming Ministry Committee



# Family Ministries Committee

Our Family Ministry focussed on our Sunday morning program for children ages 3-grade 6 and our nursery program for children 3 and under from September until March. All children's programming then ceased when St. David's was closed due to Covid-19. The core leadership for this ministry included Brenda Wallace, Janice Rider, Mike and Debbie Stockdale. In addition to the leadership team, our Sunday morning leaders included Kerry Duncan-McCartney and Lila Ramdin. Each week there was also a volunteer helper to ensure safe care for each child. Vanessa Hansen, our paid Nursery attendant, provided loving care in the nursery every week.

Our program for children was completely staffed with volunteers who would sign up as either a leader or a helper for a particular Sunday. The leaders planned and led a Sunday once a month or so. Together with a helper, they met with between 2 and 4 children on average. They explored Biblical stories with music, games, crafts and discussion. We used a curriculum called A Joyful Path published by The Centre for Progressive Christianity as a basis for most lessons. Our helpers included Janet Clare, Carlie-Jean Godfrey, Joan Gray, Linda Michel, Marilyn Outtrim, Betty Smith, Dianne Trew and Lynn Wheadon. If you helped out and I've missed you, I am sincerely sorry. I failed to keep a record at the time.

A great big thank you to each and every leader and helper who stepped up to fill the gap left as St. David's had no paid leadership for Family Ministry this year. Your commitment and generosity combined with your fabulous gifts of creativity, care and understanding of children meant so much to the children who participated!

In the nursery Vanessa set up an inviting array of toys and planned a simple craft each Sunday. Although attendance was low, the infants and toddlers that came were always welcomed with a great big smile and cared for with love. Thanks so much, Vanessa!

In addition to the Sunday morning activities, the Family Ministry leadership team together with Rev. Peggy led the Family Christmas Eve service. This participative service included a wonderful drama featuring youth readers, costumes for any children who wanted to participate and a wonderful family portraying Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus. With music, sound effects and lots of congregational participation, the service was full of joy and enthusiastic worship.

On a sad note, there was no programming for youth this past year. With Alison Demeter's departure over the summer of 2019, the program was without a leader. Whenever possible youth were invited to participate in worship services. As readers and actors in dramatic presentations, they added a fabulous energy to our worship.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Family Ministry this year. Your amazing gifts and joyful presence nurtured the faith of each child and youth who participated. You are a blessing!!

*Submitted by Rev. Debbie Stockdale  
on behalf of the whole team*

# Finance Committee

Members of the Finance committee for this period are Eldon Godfrey, Colin Outtrim, Mike Stockdale and staff member Paige Martin.

During this period the FC has been responsible for managing a tight budget with a small declining trend in the revenues as seen in year over year comparison. At the same time substantial decrease in expenses was achieved through decreases in personnel and discretionary expenditures. We thank all committees for their diligence in these difficult times. We note that the Trustees of SDUC have listened and responded positively to the need to borrow from our Facilities Development and Contingency Fund in late 2019. Currently repayment has been deferred until late 2020.

The FC have dealt with managing short term investments and movement of capital from term deposits to our active accounts.

Mike and Paige have had communication with M&P regarding completeness of employee files.

Paige Martin, our staff bookkeeper, has continued to implemented changes and efficiencies during the year that have made our reporting more reliable and consistent. Thank you - Paige.

Rental revenues and parking rentals have traditionally been a reliable source of income, however, we have had to adjust to the negative impact of COVID 19 in this regard.

The uncertainty of grant moneys offered through Chinook Winds Region resulted in suspension of the EDGE programming until further notice.

Paige has been successful in resolving a billing error with ENMAX that goes back more than three years we expect this issue is now settled in our favor. Thanks Paige for your tenacity.

Mike has been able to work alongside Paige to the extent that during vacations or other absence Mike is able to keep the records up to date and to manage the cheque runs, Interac deposits, and mail related to our operations. Mike has kept on top of COVID government assistance programs to ensure that our applications and qualifications have been kept current.

Understanding and managing our Designated funds has been improved through some consolidation and clarification of purpose. Going forward this should help the congregation understand the purpose of several of these funds.

As approved by Council, our Financial audit firm, who have previously provided a "Review" of our internal financial reports, will now provide a "Notice to Reader Report" at a significant savings. Report received October 25, 2020 for the period ending June 30, 2020. Thank you Owen Kirzinger LLP. Chartered Professional Accountants. Mike to report more fully on this report at the November AGM.

Formal FC meetings have been conducted virtually using ZOOM since June 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Stockdale, Treasurer

# Ministry and Personnel Committee

The M&P Committee continues to liaise with Church Staff and to support them in their roles within our faith community, while reflecting the community's values and wishes to Staff. St. David's is blessed with a caring and committed Ministry and supporting staff, and we thank them here for their efforts and care for our community.

We thank Reverend Peggy McDonagh for her continuing inspiration and leadership as Minister, Congregational Operations and Worship; Debbie Stockdale whose call as our compassionate Pastoral Care Minister was extended to the 2020-2021 year; Brent Tucker, our masterful Music Director, aided by Garrett Krause; Wayne Holst, our collaborative Adult Spiritual Development Minister; Vanessa Hansen, nurturing Nursery Caregiver; and our supporting staff of Chantal Winslow, Office Administrator, and Paige Martin, Financial Administrator, and Wally Pelley, Caretaker who make it all happen for us.

The M&P Committee notes that most of the work of our Church Staff this year has been done in the strange and restrictive conditions of the COVID 19 Pandemic. On behalf of our faith community, we share our appreciation for their resilience and resourcefulness as they continue their work for us.

We were not able to fill the lay position of Family Ministry this year, but hope to address that when the Church moves beyond the current COVID 19 restrictions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Koehler, Bill Dickson

## Music Ministry

While the past year was quite different from others and challenges were faced in these COVID times, our music program was still able to include the following highlights:

- Evening Compline services were held on November 17, December 15, January 19, and February 9. Pre-service recitals of music performed by guest artists were held at 7:00 PM.
- Our annual Advent service of lessons and carols took place on Sunday, December 23. Choral music was provided by the Angel Voices.

A most heartfelt thanks is extended to Colleen Charter and Garrett Krause, our amazing and talented accompanists. Their skills and gifts greatly assist in maintaining the quality of our music program. My thanks to all of the singers who give their time, talents, and energy each week to provide choral leadership in each worship service.

To conclude, a thank you to the congregation of St. David's for unwavering support of our rich and varied music program.

Respectfully Submitted  
Brent Tucker, Organist and Director of Music

# Pastoral Care Ministry

For the time period November 2019 to November 2020 the Pastoral Care Committee and its Petal Groups have been active as much as possible in this Covid 19 time.

Pastoral Care Committee under the guidance of Rev. Debbie Stockdale worked on the following projects:

- The Blue Christmas Service was held Friday December 20, 2019, evening, led by Debbie in the sanctuary. Music was provided by Brent Tucker and Dana Young. Healing Touch was offered by that petal group. The committee provided snacks following the service. With all involved there was about 25 people in attendance.
- Because of Covid there was no thank-you luncheon for all our petal groups. Instead we sent Thank-you cards to all our 40 participants.
- Debbie is continually updating the list of folk that might benefit from a visit or a phone call. We have set up a Lay Visiting group to help the minister with this ministry.
- Other plans have been tabled until such time we can carry on with larger group gatherings.

Each Pastoral Care Petal Group Ministry offers a unique way to share their love and talents with our church family.

- The Prayer Shawl Group continue through this whole time creating prayer and baptismal shawls for whomever is in need.
- The Prayer Chain Ministry also has continued all year to pray for anyone in need. They will meet in October in person for the first time since last February and will find personal support and discussion through that.
- The Healing Touch Group focus of care is on the whole person. They have had training sessions throughout the year and will again be meeting clients in person in October 2020.
- The Card Ministry shows support to the sick and grieving by sending cards on behalf of the whole community and have continued to do so in our time of closure.
- Muffin Ministry was active until April of 2020. It was a great time of meeting and greeting people from the pre-school, church, and greater community under the guidance of many volunteers offering their time and baking.
- Spring Forest Qigong, a Chinese system of breathing exercise and body postures, was offered weekly until Covid.
- Elevator volunteers are in place for funerals or other request.

The Pastoral Care Team shows it takes many people and their gifts to care for our community. We move into a new time and hope we will be able to resume some activities in the near future. We continue to visit, pray, knit, send cards as we are able.

The committee members under the guidance of Rev. Debbie Stockdale are:

Janet Clare, Marilyn Outtrim and Dianne Trew. We would like to thank Janet Larsen and Linda Michel whom stepped down from the committee in June after 6 years of service. Thank you for your service to St. David's.

Faithfully submitted,  
The Pastoral Care Committee

# Property Committee

The St David's Property Committee remains a three person committee. Sherri Melrose, Dave McMurtry and Bruce Sunderland. During the past year we have been dealing with the normal repairs and services necessary to keep the church maintained, clean, and as much as possible, rented to others to offset costs.

I wish to thank Wally Pelley for the wonderful job he does to keep our church spic and span and sanitized in the new covid world we live in today. Peter Adams, as usual has looked after all of the maintenance and carried out some minor upgrades which were needed. Thank you Peter.

Our expenses came in under budget by 4% but the revenue we expected from Parking and rentals dropped substantially because of the pandemic. Unfortunately this situation will affect the current year as well. Let's all hope we can enjoy our physical church soon.

A thank you to Sherri and Dave for their support and assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Sunderland, Chair

# Sacred Service Team

The sacred service teams are in their fifth year of service! There continues to be twelve teams with varying membership; July, August, and December are teams with the fewest members. This year our service was interrupted as a result of the pandemic. The teams served until the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. We held our annual meeting online with the team leaders. We checked in with each other and discussed how our service might look moving forward once we could return to in person services. We will look at other ways we may serve our faith community during this time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sheryl Schoenthaler  
Sacred Service Co-ordinator



# Worship Committee

The Worship Committee's main function is to oversee the life and work of the worship program at St. David's and provide insight, suggestions, critiques, and support. In consultation with the ministers and the music director the Committee assists with the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent.

The Worship Committee currently has four members: Darlene Heynen, Tom and Joeli Frank and Carley Jean Godfrey. Staff support includes Rev. Peggy McDonagh, Minister of Congregational Operations and Worship, and Brent Tucker, the music director.

Ruth Cross continues to oversee the Christmas sale of poinsettias and the Easter sale of potted chrysanthemums. She also changes the seasonal paraments in the sanctuary. We are incredibly grateful for her diligence and hard work.

The monthly Sacred Service teams are generally composed of 8 – 10 persons per team. The teams are responsible for a variety of tasks before, during and after service. For example, greeters, ushers, coffee prep, setup and cleanup and Communion.

The worship life of St. David's is highly creative and meaningful. This year, Rev. Peggy McDonagh led us through a particularly wonderful Advent journey. It was called "Heaven and Nature Sing" using the theme of JOY. The Advent Worship Design Team included the collaborative work and participation of the Worship Committee and many of you from the congregation. The five Advent services were well received.

Our committee organized another successful Christmas fundraiser through our annual Giving Tree. This year the recipients were "Closer to Home" and "The Miskanawah Society".

As a member of the Worship Design Studio Peggy has access to a whole variety of Series to use for worship. In 2020 she has led four series: A Wonderful Life, (February), Enter the Passion of Jesus (Lent and Easter), Sacred Earth, Sacred Work (September & October), and Beguiled by Beauty, (October and November).

Our "in person" worship was brought to a halt on March 15, 2020 due to COVID-19 health restrictions. Thanks to the incredible support of Deb Charnuski, Brenda Wallace, Dave Layton, and Tapas Sikdor, St. David's congregation continued to meet virtually using the ZOOM platform.

During this challenging time the Worship Team has exhibited strong leadership and guidance. The "virtual" services have been well attended with upwards to 100 people in attendance.

St. David's will continue to live stream its services when in house worship resumes allowing for more options for congregants with regard to attending.

In the coming year we look forward to working with our ministerial team, to have on-going discussions about meaningful worship in order to accommodate the diverse needs of the congregation, to elicit and use feedback from the congregation about their worship experiences, and to engage as much of the congregation as possible in the worship experience. By doing this we will enhance our community worship experience.

The Worship Committee would like to thank the large number of volunteers who contribute to the Sunday services. We appreciate the sound and projection teams, the monthly Sacred Service teams, the offering counters, the Sunday office hostesses, ushers and greeters, the banner and church decoration teams, scripture readers, music ministry and the placing of flowers in the sanctuary each week.

**THANK YOU TO ALL FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO St. DAVID's UNITED CHURCH**

# Congregational Statistics

## 2019

Confirmed Membership .....	485
Households Under Pastoral Care.....	258
Number of Households Financially Supporting Local Operations... ..	232
Received by Transfer... ..	1
Adult Baptism.....	2
Child Baptism... ..	3
Adult Confirmation .....	0
Received by profession of Faith .....	0
Removed by Certificate of Transfer.....	0
Removed by Death.....	12
Marriages... ..	2
Funerals & Memorials... ..	11