



# 2020

## *Annual Report*





***Loving Your Neighbor During Covid-19  
\*to the tune of If You're Happy and You Know It***

If you really love your neighbor, wash your hands.

For exactly 20 seconds, wash your hands.

Wash the virus down the drain so it won't come back again.

If you really love your neighbor, wash your hands.

If you really love your neighbor, stay at home.

If your trip is not essential, stay at home.

If you must go out today, stay at least 6 feet away.

If you really love your neighbor, stay at home.

If you really love your neighbor, stay in touch.

Not a real touch, a virtual or a safe distance one.

Those connections are important stay in touch.

Not a real touch, a virtual or a safe distance one.

Make sure they don't feel alone,

Skype or text or wave or phone.

If you really love your neighbor, stay in touch.

If you really love your neighbor do all three:

wash your hands,

stay at home,

stay in touch.

If you really love your neighbor do all three:

wash your hands,

stay at home,

stay in touch.

Don't just sit around and stew, there's a lot that we can do.

If you really love your neighbor, do all three:

wash your hands,

stay at home,

stay in touch.

**WASH YOUR HANDS!**

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*Front cover: In March, a shopping frenzy led to a shortage of toilet paper as people anticipated facility closures and the beginning of self-isolation.*

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*All Covid -19 stats sourced from the World Health Organization, Western Wheel, and Wikipedia*



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## *Mission*


With God's help we are:  
 Following Jesus,  
 Reaching Others,  
 Changing Lives.

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**Feb. 23:** L-R: Shannon Olson & Gisela Dyck demonstrate healing energy work on Karen Pryznyk during the service. 

Since Healing Energy work has the advantage of not being restricted by walls, healing would continue throughout the pandemic in the form of distance healing and prayers, by request.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world". It's up to us as individuals to make that choice of shining the light of Christ in our own little corner of the world.

*In light and love, Gisela Dyck, OUC Healing Ministry*



## *Message from the Minister*

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Scripture tells us that there is a “time for everything.” While we know this, it’s hard to accept when we are unprepared for the “everything” that happens. Thank goodness for our faith and the Faith Community.

While the year started as usual, it soon became evident that it would not end that way. Karen Pryznyk, the Chair of the Board, detailed much of what went on this year, so I won’t repeat what she has written.

While March found us unprepared for anything we had ever experienced before, people are incredibly loyal and faithful to the church. You showed up in so many ways, not only with your financial support, but in your care for others and willingness to pitch in whenever asked. That was one of the greatest blessings of the year.

Staying present and available to the community, as Diane and I remained on-site, gave us a presence in the community since we were called on often to offer assistance through other agencies. I heard many times that the United Church is “amazing” for its generosity and outreach. Organizations that I hadn’t even heard of got in touch with me to see if we could help with something.

While technology was a godsend in many ways, it also showed some of the disparities in our community with either limited internet, lack of access to the technology or equipment or general unease with using various platforms. That left several people out of the loop as we attempted to stay in touch with everyone. This simply reminds us that we need to attempt several avenues for reaching people, and that the good old telephone is still the best way to reach all people in our community.

I was disappointed this year when for various reasons our Affirming Ministry Team essentially disintegrated and we are basically back to square one with the process. While I would love to see this happen in the future and I have one very keen team member, we need to once again build this group up if are to pursue an Affirming Ministry designation. It really has to be a lay-led initiative rather than staff-driven.

In the summer, I decided to take advantage of the veranda at the Okotoks building and provide an opportunity for, “Visits on the Veranda with the Vicar”. This was quite well received and many did come for a physically-distanced visit. This was one of the highlights of the year for me as I don’t get to do as much visiting as I would like.



Having Maya Povhe here as a student through the summer allowed us to get some extra projects done and also set us up for virtual worship services which freed me to do some other things. Trying to learn the intricacies of technology and all of the various platforms has been a challenge and at times wearing. Yet, the blessing is that we were able to connect, worship and care for each other like never before throughout history.

Throughout this year, people have been incredibly supportive of the church, its work and programs. We continued in our outreach endeavours through the Lunch Bunch program helmed by Brian and Shannon Olson, Jacket Racket, organized by Carol Price and Karen Pryznyk and the take-out Turkey Supper, made possible through the coordinators Karen Pryznyk and Karen Jones. Many volunteers participated in these events to make their success possible. I have such admiration for the work of the Board and their compassionate, thoughtful concern for this Community of Faith. They have very ably given of their time and wisdom to keep people connected, make caring decisions and see to the life and work of the church in ways that keep it safe and healthy.

I want to give a special shout-out to Sally Salter, who not only supported the staff as chair of M & P but helped with Congregational Care, and did all of the work necessary to apply for government subsidies and keep on top of all of the information that came out in that area, not to mention watching dozens of hours of videos and Zoom meetings.

Recently in a Zoom gathering with former Moderator, Right Reverend Peter Short, the participants were encouraged to accept what was going on but not let it define us. I believe that the pandemic has not defined this congregation. Generosity, care, compassion, thoughtfulness and presence are words I would use to describe the Community of Faith this past year, and I fully expect that the same will be said moving forward.

This experience has much to teach us and will inform our community and ministry in the years to come. We will continue to be a presence in the Okotoks area, known for serving anyone in need.

I continue to count my blessings as I think of you and the privilege I have of serving the Okotoks-De Winton Pastoral Charge.

I pray for your continued safety and well-being as we navigate this next year. We will get through it and will rejoice in coming together again to worship and to serve.

*Blessings, Julia*

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## *Message from the Board Chair*

If you take a look at last year's minutes of the Feb 23, 2020 you will see in the section covering our Board's report where the last line says, "Karen is looking forward to 2020". Little did I or anyone else know what was coming in just a few short weeks!

Along with the rest of the world we were soon faced with doing everything differently. In-person services were closed mid-March and did not resume till after Thanksgiving! Every week, indeed sometimes every day, there was new information to digest and act on. Our Board met at least twice a month for several months as we worked on keeping our building and office open, maintaining contact with our community of faith and supporting Rev. Julia in her spiritual care of our congregation.

Our main concerns were the physical health and mental wellbeing of our congregation and our staff, the survival of our church financially, the dangers of the isolation that many people would be experiencing and our need to continue to be a loving and helpful presence in our community while our usual activities and ministries were almost completely shut down. We knew we would have to change the ways we communicated with our church. The lion's share of this work was done by Rev. Julia Kimmett and Matthew Heesing who created and delivered the Daily FAITH Videos every day for many months. They kept us connected, spiritually fed and entertained (thank you Melvin and Davey). They learned how to work with a completely new technology which was at times both exhilarating and exhausting. Thank you, Julia and Matthew!

In March we looked at our finances and cut costs where possible. You, our faithful congregation responded with generous continuing support. We set geographical and fiscal boundaries for our Benevolent Fund so as to meet needs while ensuring that we were distributing funds wisely. We responded to a need in Eden Valley First Nations Reservation for baby supplies they would need during their lock-down. Board members split up the phone directory and called everyone in our congregation to make sure they were OK. By the end of March, we were holding Board meetings on Zoom. The United Church of Canada, the Government of Alberta and the Chinook Winds Region provided support through weekly online webinars and Zoom meetings. Their expert advice was invaluable.

In April we began applying for the various Federal Government subsidies and grants. Many thanks go to Stewart Thomas and Sally Salter for attending multiple webinars on details of the programs and for filling out the application forms accurately and repeatedly.

In May and June, we began to discuss when we could reopen to in-person worship and decided that we would wait until after Thanksgiving. Smaller groups could begin to meet in the Fall if the situation was stable. Our Summer Student Maya Povhe began work in June. She sewed masks, archived records, researched equipment necessary for online worship services and developed procedure manuals for our Audio-Visual Team.

Over the summer the Board kept an eye on the church's finances which continued to be healthy due to the continued faithfulness of our congregation and the help of our government. The Board members also called almost everyone in the church again to check on how people were doing. We are glad to say that although many people reported being quite lonely, everyone was well.

In September the Board began planning reopening in earnest. We sent a survey to every household to assess our congregant's concerns about remaining closed, responses to the idea of re-opening and how best to do it. We created and approved a Pandemic Recovery and In-Person Ministry Reopening Protocol. If you think that sounds a bit long-winded, it is!

We reopened for in-person worship in October. We added another Audio-Visual Tech to our team and Keith and Luke worked out the kinks in our new system of broadcasting services on Zoom. Many of you were happy to return in person even if there were many restrictions and new protocols. It was so good to see you. Others preferred to attend on Zoom and that proved to have its own advantages.

Unfortunately, we had to close again in early December due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases both Province-wide and locally.

There were a few initiatives that had to be set aside for the year as we attended to more urgent matters. The Affirming Church Ministry lost its signature event, Pride in the Park, to the shut-down but we will resume that process as soon as we can. Our ongoing conversation with Turner Valley and De Winton that we mentioned at last year's AGM didn't resume until the Fall but we have now been able to move forward with proposing an exciting collaborative ministry idea. We are looking at upgrading our sanctuary's technology in order to create a first-rate space for performances as soon as they are allowed again.

The Board learned a great deal this year about online meetings, COVID-19 safety protocols and "doing church" in different ways. We went from fear for the future to hopeful anticipation. We know that being forced to do things differently was good for us. We were prodded out of our usual way of doing things and all the new skills will stand us in good stead as we try to reach people online as well as in-person with the United Church's message that "We are not alone". We also learned that we have an amazing congregation who care as much as we do about Okotoks United Church.

Ministries carried on in new ways because you decided they were important and figured out how to accomplish your mission. When we met in-person, everyone was diligent about following the rules to the letter. Thank you. You all helped keep us financially secure, safe, sane and of service to our larger community.

As crazy as it may sound, I am looking forward to 2021. Hang in there, folks, we will see you on the other side.

*Karen Pryzmyk*

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# 2020 Year in Review

## JANUARY 2020



**Jan. 5:** L-R: Candice Sutton and Asher Nartey have a heart-to-heart talk during children's time.



**Jan.:** The Lunch Program was preparing lunches for 60 kids in the Foothills School Division three times/week.

The process for re-waxing the floors in the sanctuary and foyer was started this month.

## FEBRUARY 2020

**Feb. 1:** We started renting the Third Floor to Chinook Winds Regional Ministries after Rowan Emergency Women's Shelter shifted to a new model of housing families. A portion of the rent money is designated for new outreach initiatives.

**Feb. 2:** Healing Ministry invited Jackie Walters to be a guest speaker.

**Feb. 9:** Healing Ministry invited Rochelle Graham to speak.

**Feb. 23:** Ed Povhe speaks passionately at the OUC 2020 AGM.



**Choir:** The choir had 4 Zoom gatherings between March & April.

### Cases of Coronavirus

#### Cumulative Total

Globally - Jan. 22 - 313  
Canada - Jan. 3 - 0  
Alberta - Jan. 3 - 0  
Okotoks - Jan. 3 - 0



**Feb. 25:** L-R Karen Jones & Keith Downey. Shrove Tues. pancake supper provided by youth and men of OUC, raising over \$500.



# 2020 Year in Review

## MARCH 2020

**Mar. 6:** International Women's Day was celebrated at OUC in partnership with Rowan House. Approximately 40 people attended the potluck dinner. Keynote speakers were Okotoks Councillor Tanya Thorn and Executive Director of Calgary Urban Project Society Carlene Donnelly. Guest performers were Tanya Ryan and Cowboy Poet, Doris Daley. 



L-R: Isabella & Lily Hamid, Rev. Julia Kimmett and Jeehan.

**Mar. 11:** "Deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction, WHO made the assessment that COVID-19 can be characterized as a pandemic."

**Mar. 14:** Men's Chorus Concert, I Can See Clearly Now, is cancelled - funds would have gone to support OUC Affirming Ministry - Pride in the Park. PIE Day was celebrated after worship.

**Mar.:** Okotoks reports its first case of Covid-19.

**Mar. 16:** Alberta cancels all school classes and declares a provincial public health state of emergency.



**Mar.:** L-R: Bettie Ditzler and Martha Webster - before the pandemic. 

**Mar. 18:** Rev. Julia Kimmett penned a letter "With the current COVID-19 situation constantly in flux, Chinook Winds Executive and our Executive Minister have recommended that "Communities of Faith and Ministries do not hold public worship services." To that end we will be cancelling worship services until further notice. Also suspended for the time being will be all group programs within the church, including Choir, Bible Study, Youth Group, Harmony Group and any outside program groups meeting in our building".

**Mar.:** Kids Ministry moves to an on-line format with 15-20 kids per meeting. Ten of those kids followed Candice from the classroom where she was teaching to continue their relationship with her and to connect with those classmates who were also attending.

**Mar. 22:** Daily FAITH videos, available on YouTube, were initiated.

**Mar. 24:** Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Niven, husband of Judy Niven, passed away peacefully at the High River Long Term Care Centre. Due to the pandemic, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Mar. 28:** The Prairie Mountain Fiddlers concert was cancelled. Funds would have supported Mission Possible 2020.

**Mar.:** The Lunch Program began to provide grocery bags with bread, lunch meat, fruit and snacks for a week's worth of lunches for kids who were now learning from home.

**Mar. 31:** Okotoks Food Bank officially opened their new location at Camshay Plaza Stockton Ave. The Food Bank took on the role of a distribution hub during the pandemic.



# 2020 Year in Review

## APRIL 2020

**Apr. 3-5:** Images of Spirituality Women's retreat at Entheos was cancelled.

**Apr. 5:** Kids Ministry recorded their Palm Sunday production, A Tale of Three Trees, and posted it on Instagram and the church website.

**Apr. 6:** Alberta Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw, recommends the use of medical face masks when physical distancing is difficult.

**Apr. 25-May 5:** OUC pilgrimage to the Holy Land was postponed indefinitely due to pandemic related travel restrictions.

**Apr. 12:** Easter packages were delivered to some members to let them know they were thought of due to the isolation.

**Apr. 17:** OUC sent \$1,000 in baby supplies to Eden Valley Reserve to assist while the reserve was in "lock down".



**Apr. 20:** The Cargill meat packing plant in High River temporarily closes amid a COVID-19 outbreak. By early May, 950 Cargill staff would test positive for COVID - the largest workplace outbreak in Canada.

**Apr. 23:** Calgary Stampede cancels its 2020 event for the first time since it became an annual tradition in 1923.

## Cases of Coronavirus

### Cumulative Total

Globally - Apr. 3 - 1,095,917  
 Canada - Apr. 3 - 10,114  
 Alberta - Apr. 3 - 1,075  
 Okotoks - Apr. 3 - no information

**Apr. 12:**  
 Rev. Julia prepares for Easter Sunrise at the Big Rock.



**Apr. 26:** A special bell ringing for victims of the Nova Scotia killings was held at St. Andrew's De Winton. Participants had difficulty remaining in their vehicles to observe the new social distancing rules.



## May 2020

**May 6:** The Watoto Children's Choir Concert, "We Will Go", planned at OUC, was cancelled but the money raised at the Pancake Supper was donated to the choir.


**May:** The choir had one gathering that was socially distanced.

**May 13:** Stage 1 of relaunch began, allowing businesses like restaurants and retailers to reopen. Calgary and Brooks are singled out of the relaunch due to ongoing meat-plant outbreaks. Both municipalities are allowed to join in the relaunch May 25.



# 2020 Year in Review


## JUNE 2020

**Jun. 1:** L-R: Melvin and Davey starred in several of the videos bringing levity to help congregants cope with the stressors of the pandemic. Summer Daily FAITH series began with 2 videos/weekly available on YouTube accompanied by a study booklet. 



**Jun. 12:** Stage 2 of relaunch began, with businesses like massage clinics, theatres and libraries allowed to reopen.

**Jun. 27:** Pride in the Park was to be co-hosted at Percy Pegler school - cancelled.

**Jun. 16:** L-R: Heather Puttee and Rev. Julia. Rev. Julia began offering Visits on the Veranda - part of the Congregational Care ministry. 

**Jun. 29:** With grant money from the Foothills School Division, local service groups and individuals, the Lunch Program provided grocery cards to families over the summer months.



# 2020 Year in Review

## JULY 2020

**Jul. 2:** A letter from Board Chair, Karen Pryznyk, "For now, and until at least Thanksgiving, the Board believes that it is unsafe to gather as a full congregation. As a result in-person worship remains cancelled."

**Jul.:** Kids Ministry began meeting in-person for ghost and river walks, yard games, movie nights and painting outside.

**Jul. 3:** Congregational Care invites congregants to provide Food For the Soul to stock the freezer for nutritious ready-to-eat meals when the need arises.

**Jul. 8:** L-R: Karen Pryznyk & Carol Price. Walking Prayer group is initiated to provide a safe way to practice spirituality in a socially distanced way.



**Jul. 17:** UCC launches the Covid-19 Global Response appeal.

**Jul:** The Town of Okotoks begins construction on phase 1 of the new Arts and Learning Centre and approaches OUC to enter into a joint parking lot agreement.

**Jul:** Planning for Jacket Racket began.

**Jul. 28:** The Trustees met and approved a Memorandum of Understanding for Shared Parking with the Town of Okotoks. The Board would continue to work with the Town of Okotoks to finalize contractual details for the shared parking lot.

## Cases of Coronavirus

### Cumulative Total

Globally - Jul. 3, 2020 - 10,874,146  
Canada - Jul 3 2020 - 12,549  
Alberta - Jul. 3, 2020 - 8,259  
Okotoks - Jul. 3, 2020 - no information

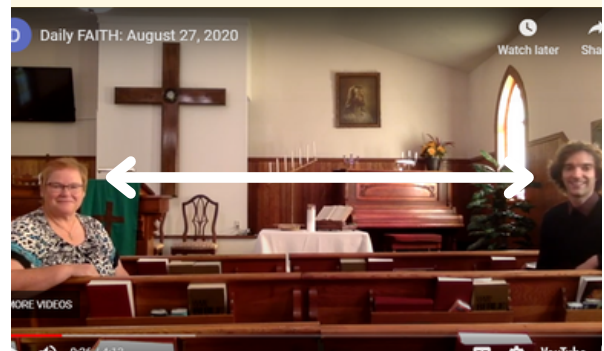
## AUGUST 2020

**Aug.:** The OUC Mission Possible trip to the Dominican Republic was cancelled due to pandemic related travel restrictions.

**Aug. 14:** Kids painting on the veranda.



**Aug. 27:** L-R: Rev. Julia Kimmett & Matthew Heesing conclude the Daily FAITH video's and Zoom worship commences Aug. 30.



\*Note the 6 ft. of "social distance"



# 2020 Year in Review

## SEPTEMBER 2020

**Sept. 1:** Students return to school despite anxiety about how to manage the pandemic in the classroom.

Following the restructuring of the UCC, congregations are now referred to as "Communities of Faith".

**Sept.:** Walking prayer concluded with a plan to resume in the Spring of 2021.

**Sept.:** Prayer requests were put in the newsletter and prayer shawls were given out. Board members called congregants three times over the course of the year.

**Okotoks Food Bank:** Once COVID-19 restrictions came into place, the Okotoks Food Bank set up protocols for the Food Bank, the staff, and the clients. From Jan.-Nov.:

- 948 families received food hampers &
- 3,496 visits were made to the "Help Yourself Shelves"

In addition, 212 Christmas Hampers were provided in December.

The Okotoks Food Bank at its new location Camshay Plaza - 220 Stocton Ave.



**Sept.:** Abe Enns skillfully and faithfully kept our parking lot and sidewalks plowed during the winter months.

## Members of the Lunch Bunch in action:

Top: Brian Olson

Middle L-R: Martha Webster & Liz Olsen

Bottom: Carol Powley





# 2020 Year in Review

## OCTOBER 2020

**Oct. 5:** The Fireside Book Club begins meeting again. Some by Zoom and others in-person.

**Oct. 9:** A survey of how people felt about resuming in-person worship was held and results were published in the newsletter.


**Oct. 13:** The Affordable Housing Task Force presented a Strategic Action Plan to Town Council. OUC has been a part of the process since 2017.

**Oct. 18:** Partners In Deed hosts its first virtual fundraiser for the Dominican.

**Oct. 18:** In-person worship resumed with Covid protocols in place.

**Oct.:** Bible study offers a workshop on prayer by both Zoom and in-person.

**Oct. 20-Nov. 7:** L-R: Kim Nadon and Carol Price "...warming up the winter." Jacket Racket was offered with Covid-safe practises in place. Collection sites were expanded and other organisations such as St. Vincent de Paul and Holy Trinity Academy got involved.

It Takes a Village collected winter baby items for their program. Volunteers recall the little girl hugging her fuzzy coat and the happy woman dancing with her long, beautiful warm coat. Over 550 people benefitted. 



## Cases of Coronavirus

### Cumulative Total

Globally - Dec. 31 2020 - 83,338,512

Canada - Dec. 29, 2020 - 553,274

Alberta - Dec. 31, 2020 - 100,428

Okotoks - Dec. 31, 2020 - 57


## NOVEMBER 2020

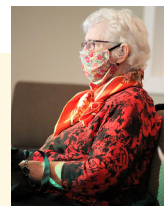
**Nov. 2:** The Fireside Book Club decides to meet by Zoom only.

**Nov.:** Kids Ministry transitioned back to on-line meetings where they continued their activities including games such as, charades, Pictionary, Kahoot, memory and movie night with documentaries & discussions.

**Nov. 9:** Karen Jones and Gary Dzurka, met with Town of Okotoks staff, Wayne Gustafson and Jamie Dugdale, over a Mutual Access agreement for the east parking lot. Wayne and Jamie were going to make edits to the agreement before returning it to the Church for review.

**Nov. 15:** Turkey on the Go took the place of the annual Turkey Supper. 300 meals were distributed. Food was prepared by Highwood Catering, pies by Pat Reader-Downy and Karen Jones.

**Nov. 15:** Amy Mounkes attends an in-person worship service. 



**Nov. 16:** Winston Churchill Parker passed away peacefully at his home in Okotoks. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**Nov. 24:** Alberta declares a second state of public health emergency.

# 2020 Year in Review

## DECEMBER 2020

**Dec.:** Diane Willis presents the first OUC Mitten Tree. Left-over mittens from Jacket Racket were hung on a tree outside the church for anyone who needed a pair. ↓



**Dec. 9:** The Pfizer BioNTech vaccine for Covid-19 was approved in Canada and started to be rolled out in Alberta in mid-Dec.

**Dec.:** Christmas packages were delivered to some members to let them know they were thought of.

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve was offered on YouTube. A Zoom gathering was also offered. L-R: Gail, Sydney, Ben, Daniel & Gilbert Lafond light their candles to sing, Silent Night. ↓



**Dec. 13:** St. Andrew's Christmas Concert was held on Zoom and YouTube with donations (double what is usually raised) going to the Veterans Food Bank.

Congratulations to Gail Lafond who won the ugly Christmas sweater contest!

**Dec. 13:** The Children's Pageant, The Landlord's Cat, was presented on Zoom and gift cards for the Benevolent Fund were encouraged for White Gift Sunday. ↓



**Dec. 21:** Alberta has the highest number of active cases of Covid-19 per 100,000 people in Canada, at more than 400 cases.

**Dec. 23:** The Moderna vaccine was approved for use in Canada.

**Dec. 26:** A new strain of Covid-19 is found in Ontario.



# The Twelve Days of COVID

words by Karen Pruznyk

On the **first** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **second** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
Let's take a walk  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **third** day of COVID  
My true love said to me,  
Let's play a game  
Time for our walk,  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **fourth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me,  
You go to Costco  
Get toilet paper, hand sanitizer,  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **fifth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me,  
Let's learn to ZOOM  
Unmute your mike  
Turn your camera on  
Put on some pants  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **sixth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me,  
I'm baking bread  
Learned how on ZOOM  
Real sourdough.  
Takes seven days  
Worth all the weight  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **seventh** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
I'm not a teacher  
Kids are getting crabby  
Learning on ZOOM  
Stuck in the house  
Missing their friends  
Homework never ends  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **eighth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me,  
My nose is running  
I've got a headache  
Could it be COVID?  
Doctor's on ZOOM  
Go get a test  
Stay at home  
Probably just a cold  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **ninth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
Our house is tiny  
Getting cabin fever  
I hate that colour  
We need a reno  
Saw it on ZOOM  
Tearing down a wall  
Change it all  
Wayfair on the way.  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **tenth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
You smell kinda funny  
You need a haircut  
You breathe too loudly  
Stop looking at me  
Your jokes aren't funny  
Go MUTE yourself!  
You're getting on my nerves  
Together all the time  
It doesn't help to say  
Don't worry things will be fine.

On the **eleventh** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
When will this end?  
I'm going crazy!  
Packing on the pounds  
Living in sweat pants  
Netflix is stupid  
News is depressing  
I'm sick of ZOOM!  
Got to get a grip  
No more zip  
What we gonna do?  
Can't wait for things to be fine.

On the **twelfth** day of COVID  
My true love said to me  
We've got each other  
You've been terrific  
You look great in sweat pants  
I love your grey hair  
You're a great teacher  
Christmas is coming  
Let's get a dog  
Let's call him ZOOM  
Someday this will pass  
Friends return  
Family all as one  
Don't worry things will be fine.....



# Ministry & Personnel

## M & P Committee



Sally Salter  
Chairperson



Melanie Toews



Ken McIsaac  
to March



Jack Parsons  
from March



Wendy Hofflin  
to March  
St. Andrew's



Wayne Stordahl  
from March  
St. Andrew's

Preparing an Annual Report affords us the opportunity to reflect on the amazing staff, contractors and volunteers who support Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge. When COVID-19 arrived in early 2020, we collectively gasped, wrung our hands and then got to work keeping our community connected, cared for and available. The passion and dedication of each person is inspiring and an example of who we are as a faith community.

### 2020 in review:

3 meetings were held with the remainder of our work done by phone and email. At year-end we had 2 permanent staff members & 9 contracts for the two churches combined.

**February** – 3 Okotoks contracts were revised and all contracts were renewed.

**March** – After 4 years as our Accompanist, Amy Gatus resigned to pursue a teaching opportunity in the North. We chose not to fill this vacancy until in-person worship resumes in 2021. All contracts were reviewed and adjusted based on the impact of COVID-19 on our congregations.

**June through August** – Maya Pohve was hired on a Canada Summer Student Grant to complete some administration and technology projects.

**October** – revised the Audio-visual Tech position for OUC. This included adding a second technician to assist with the ZOOM aspects of the modified in-person worship services.

**November** – staff performance reviews were completed.

**December** – rewrote the contract description for the De Winton Custodial & Property Maintenance Contract to make it two separate contracts.

### General

We continued to support staff and contractors via face-to-face meetings, phone calls and emails. Beginning in March we provided assistance in assessing and calculating the various Government of Canada COVID-19 financial assistance programs available to us. This included attending over 15 webinars put on by The United Church of Canada, the Government of Canada and ADP (our payroll provider). Provided support and assistance to the Boards in their discussion of a collaborative ministry with Turner Valley.

There are too many people to thank individually, so on behalf of the M & P Committee and the congregations of Okotoks-De Winton Pastoral Charge let me extend blessings and heartfelt thanks to each employee, contractor and volunteer for your generosity of time and talent. Also my personal thanks to the members of the M&P Committee for their support and wisdom.

*Sally Salter, Ministry & Personnel Chair*

# Staff & Contractors

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## Staff



Rev. Julia Kimmett  
Minister



Diane Willis  
Office Facilities Administrator

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## Contractors



Candice Sutton  
Kids & Youth  
Ministry Leader



Pat Reader-Downy  
Choir Director



Amy Gatus  
Accompanist  
to March



Audra Brown  
Bookkeeper



Toni Ferris  
Custodian



Sally Salter  
Congregational Care



Maya Povhe  
Summer Student  
June to August



Keith Bayley  
AV Technician



Luke Povhe  
AV Technician  
from October

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## St. Andrew's De Winton



Brent Ellenton



Toni Ferris  
Custodian

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Sally Salter



Carol Price

In The United Church of Canada a Regional Council is an administrative grouping of communities of faith in a local area. Laypeople and ministers meet to oversee the work of the church within each region. There are 16 Regional Councils in The United Church of Canada.

Okotoks-De Winton Pastoral Charge is a member of Chinook Winds Regional Council. The role of the Chinook Winds Regional Council is to encourage and connect communities of faith of The United Church of Canada in Central and Southern Alberta. Chinook Winds Region extends from south of Highway 13 in Alberta to the Canada-United States border.

2020 was only the second year of the Regional Council structure. With the advent of COVID-19, the Regional Council staff worked diligently to keep our communities of faith in touch in many ways:

They presented regular virtual 'town-hall' meetings where they provided inspiring speakers, gave members an opportunity to gather together and shared information, including guidance in regard to safety measures for churches during the Pandemic.

- They presented a variety of other events and webinars: some to assist with the technology of a COVID world, some to inspire our leaders, and some to provide emotional support to our leaders.
- In addition to the 'virtual' support, the weekly newsletter kept us up to date on happenings in the Region and the wider church. This included keeping us informed of policy and procedure changes implemented by The United Church of Canada in response to the Pandemic.

The 2nd annual Regional Council General Meeting scheduled for May in Red Deer was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

On September 15th to 17th the Region held a virtual Regional Council General Meeting. We had an inspiring speaker, Dr. Yvette Flunder. Her motivating talks can be viewed on Chinook Winds YouTube Channel. The meeting also dealt with the business at hand and made plans for the coming year. It is reassuring to know that we belong to a much larger, very capable group of people assisting our communities of faith as needed during this unique time.

*Carol Price and Sally Salter*

# *OUC AGM Agenda*

*Feb. 21, 2021*

*11:15 am - 12:15 pm*

*by Zoom*

Opening prayer - Rev. Julia Kimmett

Opening remarks - Welcome

1. Election of Secretary
2. Election of Chairperson
3. Motion: That adherents be permitted to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of Okotoks United Church
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of Minutes from the AGM Feb. 23, 2020
6. Approval of the 2020 Annual Report
7. Presentation of the 2020 Financials
  - a) Motion to Approve the Financials
8. Presentation of the 2021 budget
  - a) Motion to approve the 2021 budget
9. Board Report - Karen Pryznyk
10. Election of Board members
  - a) Ian MacNeil - for 2 more years
  - b) Karen Jones - for 2 more years
  - c) Karen Pryznyk - for 3 more years
  - d) Stewart Thomas - for 1 more year
11. Election of Trustees: Current Trustees are: Gary Dzurka, Dave Wedderburn, Pat Reader-Downy, Bill Calder & Marilyn Carlson
12. Election of Chinook Winds Regional Representatives: No new candidates. Current Representatives are: Sally Salter & Carol Price
13. Election of Committee Members
  - a) M&P: Sally Salter, Melanie Toews & Jack Parsons
  - b) Nominating Committee: nominations from the floor
14. New business - Three-church partnership
  - a) Motion: To approve a Ministry partnership between Okotoks-De Winton Pastoral Charge & Diamond Valley Pastoral Charge.
15. Benediction - Rev. Julia Kimmett
16. Motion to Adjourn



# *OUC AGM Minutes*

*Feb. 23, 2020*

**Present:** Attendance list on file. There were 53 persons in attendance consisting of 47 members, 5 adherents, and 1 staff member.

**Opening:** Rev. Julia Kimmett opened the meeting at 12:20 pm with a prayer.

**Opening Remarks:** Rev. Julia Kimmett thanked all the people involved in making the past year such a success. In particular, Rev. Julia Kimmett expressed gratitude to Karen Pryznyk, Board Chairperson, and Sally Salter, Ministry and Personnel Committee Chairperson for their ongoing dedication to our Church.

## **1. Election of a Secretary**

It was moved, Stewart Thomas and seconded, Karen Pryznyk that Carol Price be elected as Secretary. *Carried.*

## **2. Election of a Chairperson**

It was moved, Jack Parsons and seconded, Janet Page, that Karen Pryznyk be elected as Chairperson. *Carried.*

## **3. Motion by Members for Adherents to vote**

It was moved, Joe Muhle and seconded, Abe Enns, that adherents be permitted to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of Okotoks United Church. *Carried.*

## **4. Approval of the Agenda**

It was moved, Ian McNeill and seconded, Karen Jones, that the Agenda be approved as presented. *Carried.*

## **5. Approval of Minutes of February 24, 2019 AGM**

It was moved, Betty – Lou Bayley and seconded, Vi Muhle, that the Minutes of the February 24, 2019 AGM be approved as presented. *Carried.*

## **6. Approval of 2019 Annual Report**

It was moved, Bev Carlson and seconded, Curtis Carlson, that the reports contained in the 2019 Annual Report be approved as presented. *Carried.*

Thanks were expressed to Joanne Dzurka for her fine skills and creativity in creating the 2019 Annual Report.

## **7. Presentation of the 2019 Financials**

Stewart Thomas, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2019 Financial Statement and answered questions posed by the congregation. Stewart Thomas noted that Audra Brown, Bookkeeper, provides excellent work for the Church. He also noted that a full report of the 2019 Financial Statement is available at the Church office.

## **8. Motion to approve Financials**

It was moved, Joe Muhle and seconded, Richard Puttee, that the 2019 Financial Statements be approved as presented. *Carried.*

## **9. Presentation of the 2020 Budget**

Stewart Thomas, Treasurer, provided an overview of the 2020 Budget. We are projecting a deficit of \$16,000.00 in Fund 1, our Operating Fund. Fund 2 represents restricted funds that can only be used for the purpose for which they were designated by the giver. Fund 3 represents the mortgage. In 2018 we negotiated with UCC that we only pay the interest on the mortgage for 2 years. July 2020, we will be seeking to renew that agreement. Stewart Thomas further explained that we are currently renting second floor offices and the third floor apartment to Chinook Winds. Following questions by the congregation, Stewart Thomas thanked the congregation for their ongoing financial support.

## **10. Motion to approve the 2020 Budget**

It was moved, Pat Reader-Downey and seconded, Desiree Hart, that the 2020 Budget be approved as presented. *Carried.*

## **11. Board Report**

Karen Pryznyk, Board Chairperson, thanked Rev. Julia Kimmett for her wisdom and ability to think outside the box, and thanked Diane Willis, Office Administrator, for her kind, efficient, and patient work. She thanked the people of the Church for all that they do for the Church; offering time, energy, ideas, finances, and supporting fund-raising events. Karen Pryznyk noted that today, charitable donation receipts are available, along with a handout regarding various choices for giving. Special thanks were given to Ken McIsaac for his expertise on the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Jody Connors was especially thanked for her service on the Board and in the Affirming Ministry. Both these valued members are stepping down from their current positions. Audra Brown, Bookkeeper, was thanked for going beyond just doing our books. She keeps us well informed and is an excellent resource for the Board.

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Fall 2019, the Board began examining our Church from a number of perspectives, including where we are now and what the future might hold. Karen Pryznyk explained to the congregation that the Board has been working with the Town of Okotoks to see how we might be part of the new Arts and Learning Centre to be developed nearby. In addition, it was explained that the Board has agreed to look into a possible opportunity to facilitate the building of a multi-story apartment above our east parking lot. Last Fall, our Board met with the Boards of De Winton, and Turner Valley United Church to see how we can work together, possibly increasing our efficiencies through collaboration. We are continuing our Affirming Church process and are co-sponsoring Pride in the Park, June 27, 2020. Board Members for this year are Carol Price, Janet Page, Karen Jones, Ian McNeill, Curtis Carlson, Richard Puttee, Stewart Thomas, and Karen Pryznyk. Board Chairperson, Karen Pryznyk, thanked the Board for their enthusiasm and thoughtfulness, and is looking forward to 2020.

## 12. Election of Board members

There are no new Board Members.

## 13. Election of Trustees

There are no new candidates. Current Trustees are Bill Calder, Dave Wedderburn, Pat Reader-Downey, Marilyn Carlson, Gary Dzurka and Ursula Hoppenheit.

## 14. Election of Regional Representatives

Karen Pryznyk, Board Chairperson, thanked Lois Irvine, and Stewart Thomas for their years of service representing our Church. It was moved, Janet Page and seconded, Stewart Thomas, that Sally Salter and Carol Price be elected as the Okotoks United Church representatives to Chinook Winds Region. *Carried.*

## 15. Election of Committee Members:

*a. Ministry and Personnel Committee:* It was moved, Sally Salter and seconded, Anne Scappaticci, that Jack Parsons be presented to the assembly for election to the Ministry & Personnel Committee for a three-year term. *Carried.*

Jack joins Sally Salter, Melanie Toews and Wayne Stordahl (De Winton). We thank Ken McIsaac for his service to this committee.

*b. Nominating Committee:* No candidates were put forth by this committee. Karen Pryznyk asked that people consider this role and speak to a Board Member if they are interested.



## 16. New Business

a. **The Future of the Church:** The congregation engaged in thoughtful and passionate discussion of the future of our Church. Karen Pryznyk explained to the congregation that the Board will be holding a retreat in May to continue work in this area. The discussion, questions and comments centered around the following ideas:

1. The declining attendance at our Church.
2. Why are other Churches growing?
3. How to find out what the whole congregation thinks?

4. Marketing our Church and Rev. Julia Kimmett. It was noted that OUC will be featured in the Okotokian re: Lunch program; OUC is co – sponsoring Pride in the Park; OUC is actively participating in Affordable Housing for Okotoks; OUC will possibly participate in Okotoks Annual Chili Cook-Off; possible Summer Student Grant to upload Sermons on line. Rev. Julia Kimmett then explained that OUC is the most referenced Church in the weekly Western Wheel. The future of our Church is not in worship, it is in the things we are involved in. People will come to our doors and participate in the work that we do. The meeting gave Rev. Julia Kimmett an ovation.

b. **Okotoks Chili Cook-Off:** Karen Pryznyk, with input from Ian McNeill, explained that the Board had discussed the idea of OUC having a booth at the Chili Cook-Off (Chili Fest) to promote the Church. Perhaps have the youth involved and raise the community profile of the Church. Karen Pryznyk offered the opportunity to the congregation to organize this event.

## 17. Benediction

Rev. Julia Kimmett offered the Benediction.

## 18. Motion to Adjourn:

It was moved, Michael Scappaticci that the meeting be adjourned at 1:38 pm. **Carried.**

**Feb. 23:** OUC 2020 AGM



# *Benevolent Fund*

## *FINANCIAL REPORT*

### Income

Cash - \$24,530.01

Gift Cards - \$3,345.00

### Dispersals

Cash - \$12,332.18

- Housing (Includes temporary [hotels]) - \$9,209.96
- Travel (gas, car insurance, repairs) - \$1,332.50
- Other (Child Care, Speech Device Repair, Police Check for abused Mom to change her name) - \$1,789.72

Gift Cards - \$2,145.00 (groceries or gas)

**Closing balance** Dec. 31, 2020: **\$34,234.66**

Most of our referrals come from local Social Service Agencies. Some walk-ins, but rare.

*Submitted by: Rev. Juila Kimmett*

This year, OUC assisted a mom and her three children with rent. She was very grateful.

A couple of months later, we received a donation of \$500.00 to the church through Canada Helps with this message. *"I know that your church gave some money to a mom of 3 that was facing eviction due to not having enough rent money because she was isolated and missed work. I know this family and am so grateful that you were there to help them. I would like to direct my tithe to your church this month. Thank you for being there at such a time of need. Sending so much love. Blessings to you".*

and

Just recently OUC received \$1000.00 from someone who had been helped by the church 10 years ago. She wanted to give back so others could be helped as she had been helped when her family was in need.

# Harmony Group

## FINANCIALS

Opening balance	January 1, 2020	\$10,793.14
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## Income

Luncheons.	\$601.54
Turkey pies.	\$50.00
Xmas mkt 2019.	\$122.00

Interest	.08	\$ 773.62
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## Expenses

OUC general Fund.	\$8,000.00	
Fellowship.	\$100.00	<b>\$ 8,100.00</b>

**Closing balance** December 31, 2020 **\$3,466.76**

*Respectfully submitted: Ellen Kneiss - Treasurer*

The Harmony Group was originally a few talented ladies who created and sewed the banners that grace the Sanctuary, during every church season. When storage for these beautiful banners ran out and, with the move to a new facility, a need for more practical items arose. To this end, the new Harmony Group was formed and fundraising events such as Soup Luncheons, Bake Sales, Turkey Pot Pies, Shepherds Pies, Antipasto Jars, Funeral/Special Event Luncheons and the Christmas Market were born. The Harmony Group succeeded in raising enough money to purchase the wonderful organ (and cover its annual maintenance), assist in the purchase of the chairs in the Sanctuary, buy the commercial stove and fridge and other kitchen necessities and also contribute to our local account.

The Group meets for regular meetings on the third Thursday of the month, at 1:30 pm in the Foyer. For Work Bee events, such as Turkey Pot Pies, Shepherds Pies, Antipasto, etc. the group schedules to meet at 9:30 am in the Kitchen. We have two social events every year, the Christmas Luncheon and the Spring Windup Luncheon. **All ladies are welcome!**

With 2020 being a year of great uncertainty, due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, the Harmony Group met only sporadically, and it was decided to curtail all food preparation activities until it was safer to resume. Sadly, we are still uncertain as to when this will be.

For more information on the Harmony Group please call:

Judy Niven (Co-coordinator)	403-938-9559
Jean Eddy (Co-coordinator)	403-968-7595
Donna Smith-Bronson (Secretary)	403-607-8176
Ellen Kneiss (Treasurer)	403-995-8060



# Government of Canada COVID-19 Financial Assistance

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During 2020 the Government of Canada provided a variety of financial assistance programs to individuals, businesses and non-profit organizations impacted by COVID-19. Based on our own research and advice from The United Church of Canada we applied for assistance under 3 separate programs.

The TWS (Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers) program covered the first 3 months of the pandemic and has been terminated.

The CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy) program began in March 2020 and is currently set to end on June 30, 2021. We will continue to monitor this program until its termination and apply for all funds for which we are eligible.

<b>TWS Temporary Wage Subsidy for Employers</b>	\$ 2,653.17
<b>CEWS Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy</b>	\$ 21,303.80
<b>Total Wage Subsidy Received in 2020</b>	\$ 23,956.97

We applied for and were approved for funds under the CEBA (Canada Emergency Business Account) program. The CEBA proceeds will be received in January 2021. CEBA is a one-time loan from the Government of Canada. The \$60,000 loan is interest free until January 1, 2023. One-third of the loan, \$20,000, will be forgiven if the remaining \$40,000 is repaid in full by December 31, 2022.



## OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL BUDGET 2021

FUND ONE	2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
GENERAL FUND INCOME	202,414.96	203,600.00	206,500.00
INVESTMENT INCOME	375.00	375.00	0.00
PROGRAM INCOME	1,323.36	200.00	800.00
RENTAL INCOME			
Rental Income & Magazines	7,677.25	12,500.00	5,300.00
Chinook Winds Region	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
Wedding & Funeral Rent	200.00	2,000.00	1,300.00
OTHER INCOME	44,494.60	11,525.00	68,500.00
FUNDRAISING INCOME			
Turkey Supper income	7,450.00	7,000.00	7,500.00
Other Fundraising Income	538.30	10,000.00	1,200.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>282,473.47</b>	<b>265,200.00</b>	<b>309,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
SALARIED STAFF	129,315.58	131,363.31	137,389.05
CONTRACT STAFF	35,550.71	47,785.00	38,040.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	9,114.01	11,220.36	9,629.66
UCC EXPENSES / COSTS	11,219.56	11,400.00	10,411.00
CHURCH PHONES	5,502.07	5,200.00	5,200.00
INTERNET	485.00	250.00	500.00
COMPUTER EXPENSES	696.06	1,700.00	1,500.00
BUILDING INSURANCE	7,020.86	6,135.98	6,720.00
UTILITIES	16,217.62	21,130.65	19,660.00
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	16,979.92	18,531.92	21,270.00
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,247.55	1,786.02	1,925.00
AUDIO VISUAL EXPENSES	194.80	1,500.00	500.00
TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE	0.00	0.00	65,000.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	1,003.68	2,250.00	1,250.00
CHOIR / MUSIC	644.50	1,900.00	1,300.00
OUTREACH	4,168.69	1,300.00	850.00
FELLOWSHIP	0.00	500.00	500.00
MINISTRY EXPENSE	1,112.33	5,600.00	3,900.00
OTHER EXPENSES	350.00	1,000.00	600.00
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES			
Stewardship & Other Fundraising Expense	587.11	4,500.00	1,100.00
Turkey supper expense	6,477.69	2,000.00	6,500.00
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS EXP	672.50	3,750.00	1,750.00
Transfers of Subsidy to DeWinton	4,381.37	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (Not including Mortgage)</b>	<b>253,941.61</b>	<b>280,803.24</b>	<b>335,494.71</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>28,531.86</b>	<b>-15,603.24</b>	<b>-26,394.71</b>

FUND TWO		2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
INCOME				
	Banking Interest	0.28	0.24	0.24
TEMP. RESTRICTED INCOME				
	Mission Possible	1,585.98	5,000.00	1,500.00
	Benevolence (Min)	16,113.00	18,000.00	18,000.00
	School lunch program inc	31,253.30	20,000.00	12,000.00
	Healing Touch	530.00	300.00	300.00
	Affirming Ministry	2,380.00	4,000.00	2,500.00
	Outreach (Third Floor)	4,200.00	4,125.00	4,500.00
	Kids Ministry	200.00	0.00	0.00
	Mission/Services	12,708.00	16,000.00	14,000.00
	Memorials / Legacies	0.00	300.00	500.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME		68,970.56	67,725.24	53,300.24
TEMP.REST. EXPENSES				
	Mission Possible Exp	1,385.98	5,000.00	1,500.00
	Benevolence (Min)	13,442.15	16,000.00	18,000.00
	School lunch prog expense	13,325.77	20,000.00	12,000.00
	Outreach Fund Exp	1,617.71	0.00	2,500.00
	Healing Touch Exp	61.50	300.00	0.00
	Affirming Ministry expens	389.90	4,200.00	2,500.00
	Mission/Services Exp	13,998.00	16,000.00	14,000.00
	Bequests/Memorial Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENSES		44,221.01	61,500.00	50,500.00
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES		24,749.55	6,225.24	2,800.24
FUND THREE		2020 Actual	2020 Budget	2021 Budget
CAPITAL FUND (Building)				
	Mortgage Fund (EP)	46,563.60	50,000.00	47,000.00
	Interest	225.00	225.00	740.00
Total Income		46,788.60	50,225.00	47,740.00
UCC	UCC Principle Paid	32.47	2,985.11	123.01
	UCC Interest Paid	2,847.53	11,388.89	11,626.99
RBC	RBC Principle Paid	15,928.05	15,611.65	15,120.60
	RBC Interest Paid	8,786.41	9,851.61	7,280.35
TOTAL PAYOUTS		27,594.46	39,837.26	34,150.95
Surplus / (Deficit)		19,194.14	10,387.74	13,589.05

MORTGAGE SUMMARY	Dec. 31, 2011	Dec. 31, 2020
2020 UCC Mortgage Balance	500,000.00	465,132.39
2020 RBC Mortgage Balance	650,000.00	211,024.00
BALANCE	1,150,000.00	676,156.39
TOTAL PAID DOWN FROM 2011		473,843.61



## Okotoks United Church

**Balance Sheet**  
Consolidated - December 2020

	Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND	Fund 02 - DESIG. FUND	Fund 03 - CAPITAL FUND	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>				
<b>CHEQUING ACCOUNTS</b>				
RBC General Account	\$69,887.78			\$69,887.78
Temp Rest. in Cqg		\$94,902.31		\$94,902.31
Bank in Bldg - 03			\$13,345.40	\$13,345.40
Subtotal Chequing Accounts	\$69,887.78	\$94,902.31	\$13,345.40	\$178,135.49
<b>OTHER ACCOUNTS</b>				
Benevolent Ministers Acct		\$33,899.69		\$33,899.69
GIC Investments	\$47,500.00		\$102,500.00	\$150,000.00
Subtotal Other Accounts	\$47,500.00	\$33,899.69	\$102,500.00	\$183,899.69
Subtotal Bank Accounts	\$117,387.78	\$128,802.00	\$115,845.40	\$362,035.18
<b>CASH ON HAND</b>				
Petty Cash	\$200.00			\$200.00
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
<b>ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>				
GST Receivable 2020	\$640.04	\$27.67		\$667.71
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS</b>				
<b>BUILDINGS</b>				
Buildings, Improvements			\$3,580,715.93	\$3,580,715.93
<b>EQUIPMENT</b>				
Furniture and equipment			\$79,619.02	\$79,619.02
Subtotal Capital Assets			\$3,660,334.95	\$3,660,334.95
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$118,227.82</b>	<b>\$128,829.67</b>	<b>\$3,776,180.35</b>	<b>\$4,023,237.84</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>				
<b>MORTGAGES &amp; LOANS</b>				
RBC Construction Loan			\$211,024.00	\$211,024.00
United Church Loan			\$465,132.39	\$465,132.39
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>			<b>\$676,156.39</b>	<b>\$676,156.39</b>

## EQUITY

UNRESTRICTED			
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$118,227.82		\$118,227.82
RESTRICTED			
Equity in Cap. Assets		\$2,993,578.28	\$2,993,578.28
TEMP.RESTR.IN CHEQUING FB			
DONOR RESTRICTED			
Mission Possible Fb	\$10,665.97		\$10,665.97
MP Non-D Balance	\$1,135.96		\$1,135.96
Benevolent Fb	\$39,094.97		\$39,094.97
Operating Purchases/Equi	\$5,379.69		\$5,379.69
School lunch program FB	\$40,707.86		\$40,707.86
Outreach Fund FB	\$6,020.32		\$6,020.32
Second Minister Fund	\$1,740.25		\$1,740.25
Healing Touch Fb	\$2,686.90		\$2,686.90
Healing Touch Donations	\$670.00		\$670.00
Affirming Ministry	\$2,725.11		\$2,725.11
Empowering the Promise		\$106,445.68	\$106,445.68
Kids Ministry Fb	\$1,679.25		\$1,679.25
Contingency Reserve	\$12,329.79		\$12,329.79
Subtotal Donor Restricted	\$124,836.07	\$106,445.68	\$231,281.75
PASS THRU FUNDS			
Mission/Services Fd	\$873.60		\$873.60
Memorials / Legacies	\$3,120.00		\$3,120.00
Subtotal Pass Thru Funds	\$3,993.60		\$3,993.60
Subtotal Temp.restr.in Chequing Fb	\$128,829.67	\$106,445.68	\$235,275.35
TOTAL EQUITY	\$118,227.82	\$128,829.67	\$3,100,023.96
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$118,227.82	\$128,829.67	\$3,776,180.35
			\$4,023,237.84

# Leadership 2020

## PHOTOS

### Board



Rev. Julia Kimmett



Karen Pryznyk  
Board Chair



Carol Price  
Secretary



Stewart Thomas  
Treasurer



Ian McNeill



Janet Page



Jody Connors  
to January



Richard Puttee



Karen Jones



Curtis Carlson  
Youth

### Trustees



Rev. Julia Kimmett



Gary Dzurka  
Chairperson



Dave Wedderburn



Pat Reader-Downey



Ursula Hoppenheit  
to November



Bill Calder



Marilyn Carlson

### Chinook Winds Regional Council



Sally Salter



Carol Price

### Nominating Committee



Vacant



Vacant

### Affirming Ministry Committee



Rev. Julia Kimmett



Jody Connors  
to January



Janet Page



# ***Covid-19: United Church Statement***

## **We are called to be the Church...to love and serve others.**

Discussion about COVID-19 is growing as confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) continue to spread. As a church, we have prepared the Emergency Plan to help communities of faith plan ahead for contingencies that may or may not arise, realizing that planning ahead is a way to reduce anxiety. We urge communities of faith to respond to COVID-19 with compassion, prevention, and prayer.

### **Compassion**

Overwhelming statistics outlining the number of confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19 make it easy to disassociate the numbers from the people and communities involved. As a church, we seek a compassionate response that acknowledges the personhood attached to each statistic. We know that the people affected include not only those infected by the COVID-19 virus but also their families, friends, co-workers, and community members. We mourn with people whose loved ones have died, who have lost their livelihood through the growing economic impact, who have lost community through self-isolation and limited travel, and, who have lost a sense of security through fear of contamination or racial discrimination. We also offer our prayers of thanksgiving for the professionals who are providing leadership in the treatment and containment of the virus, and our prayers of concern for those who put at risk their personal health to serve and support others, especially those who are most vulnerable.

### **Prevention**

We hope the most vulnerable people in our society will be able to rely on us—communities of faith—to do all that we can to prevent the spread of both the virus and of the fears surrounding it. As faith leaders, we can familiarize ourselves with the guidelines outlined in the Emergency Plan to ensure that people are able to seek comfort in our places of worship. We can ensure that our gathering places promote good preventive practices, and when necessary, we can provide alternative programming—like online worship or Bible study, or bagged lunches for meal programs—for those who are most at risk in large group gatherings or are isolated due to vulnerability.

By mirroring the compassionate presence of Christ and providing clear and specific information, faith leaders can help to mitigate the spreading fear around COVID-19. We encourage communities of faith to:

- seek and share stories from those most affected by the virus, praying with our kin around the world
- repudiate and dispel all comments about COVID-19 that are prejudiced or racist, or that attach COVID-19 to a race or ethnicity
- practise and model good personal hygiene by washing our hands often, coughing or sneezing into our sleeves, and avoiding touching our face or the faces of those who are most vulnerable
- educate community members on how they can prevent the spread of viruses

### **Prayer**

Our faithful response of compassion and prevention needs to be surrounded and guided by our continual prayer for the well-being of all people. May we continue to collaborate and learn from health care professionals as we seek ways to honor and respect all people at all times.