

Grace United Church

Annual Report 2021



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**ENGAGING THE
COMMUNITY**

*Sharing Christ, so all will know
the forgiveness, love, and grace of God.*

Grace Annual Report 2021

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Grace United Church

~ In Memoriam 2021 ~

** denotes member of our Grace family*

Janice Edith Bissett *
Sonja Lee Witty
Barbara Moffat *
Verna Wilson *
Jeannine Soles*
Bob Soles*
Audrey Evelyn Little *

Hugh Campbell*
Karen Patricia Louise Franklin
John William Wood*
Mabel Green*
Margaret Elizabeth Morley*
Derek John Holme*

Received by Baptism ~ 2021 ~

Blake Elizabeth Smith



Received as Members by Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith ~ 2021 ~

By Transfer from St. James United, Peterborough:
By Transfer from Dunsford United, Dunsford:
By Transfer from Dunsford United, Dunsford:
By Transfer from Dunsford United, Dunsford:
By transfer from St. Peter's, Cobourg:

Betsy Ann Gynane
Cliff Ballantyne
Emily Ballantyne
Sarah Ballantyne
Joanne Domine

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

February 28, 2021

- Countdown and Welcome videos
- Welcome/Invitation to candle lighting
- Call to Worship/Opening Prayer - Rev. Sharon Ballantyne
- Worship Song: Come Now Is the Time to Worship
- Annual Meeting - Our format for today explained by Rev. Sharon Ballantyne
- Acknowledging and Honouring Lyle's ministry by Rev. Sharon Ballantyne
- Board Chair, George Flavell, opens Annual Congregational Meeting
- **Motion of Business #1:** *Moved by Bruce Coulter and seconded by Susan Sweet Lebeau that in the name of Christ we open this Annual Meeting of Grace United Church and recognize all present who are not Grace members be accepted as corresponding members of our congregation.*
- **Motion of Business #2:** *Moved by Paula Pound and seconded by Heather Aiton Landry to accept minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2020 as found on pages 4-5 of the Annual Report*
- Worship Band Songs: It's Your Light, If We Are the Body, What Are You Thirsting For
- Children's Time:
 - Kaitlyn Maloney, Children's Ministry Director, shared her report from recorded video, highlighting the year
- Lighting of Candles of Remembrance symbolizing all who were a part of our community of faith and have passed before, highlighting member who passed in 2021: Thelma Simmons, Joan Marie Campbell, Doris Gwendolyn McKay, Laurie Lynn Lavalley, Ronald Douglas Perry, Denise Teasdale (Gandy), June Rosamond Reichart, Herbert William Franklin - led by Susan Sweet Lebeau.
- Prayer of Remembrance & Thanksgiving - led Susan Sweet Lebeau
- Candles of Acknowledgement in 2020; led by Rev. Sharon Ballantyne
- Choral Anthem
- Scripture passage: Isaiah 58: 6-11
- Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer led by Jillian Bonter
- Message: *Engaging the Community: Connecting the Dots:* Reverend Sharon Ballantyne
- Highlight of Ministries
 - Jane Blecker shared details of GPIF report, supporting Honduras through money sent down: for school supplies and food bags to schools, awning constructed at Medical Center.
 - Susan shared details of Halloween Ministry and Collective Kitchens (now called Public Health Nourishment Program)
 - Bev Reid shared details of Scouting Report
 - Peter Robinson shared his property report by recorded video
- **Motion of Business #3:** *Moved by Jane Blecker and seconded by Dawna Rhodenhizer to receive the ministry reports as provided in the annual report (starting at page 22-41) and highlighted today.*
- Hymn: #567 Will You Come & Follow Me
- **Motion of Business #4:** *Moved by Bruce Coulter and seconded by Jillian Bonter to approve the slate of officers for 2021 as detailed on page 10 of the Annual Report. NOTE: an amendment for East Central Ontario Regional Council representatives: Paul and Joanne Gray.*

- **Motion of Business #5:** *Moved by Paula Pound and seconded by Susan Sweet Lebeau that the Board of Management may add to its Board members as needed throughout the year.*
- Susan Sweet Lebeau, our Financial Officer presents Financial Report
- Refurbishing Campaign Highlights (as detailed on page 17 of Annual Report)
 - Total In (designated givings, designated funds, designated “in memory”, balance of Organ Fund, portion of new initiatives) = \$113,141.20
 - Total Out (painting, flooring, seating) = \$113,141.20
- Correction noted at bottom of Memorial account on page 17 of Annual Report: Balance date should be December 31, 2020
- Highlights of Grace United Church income receive (page 12) of Annual Report):
 - Offerings: \$297,156.49
 - Other Income, fundraisers, rentals: \$2,811.25
 - Government Assistance \$47,480.41
 - Totals: \$347,448.15
- Highlights of Grace United church income and expenditures shared (page 12 of Annual Report):
 - Income received for work at Grace in 2020: \$347,448.15
 - Ministry costs for 2020: \$328,454.03
 - Surplus: \$18,994.12
- Proposed Budget
- **Motion of Business #6:** *Moved by Bev Templar and seconded by Heather Aiton Landry to approve the Mission and Service Fund target of \$18,000 for 2021.*
- **Motion of Business #7:** *Moved by Jane Bleecker and seconded by Bev Templar to adopt the 2021 Operating Budget of \$384, 944.00 as detailed on page 16 of the Annual Report.*
- Appreciation and Thanks to all - George Flavell
- **Motion of Business #8:** *Moved by Dawna Rhodenhizer and seconded by Jillian Bonter that the annual meeting of Grace United Church be adjourned at 11:08 a.m.*
- Announcements
- Hymn: #424 May the God of Hope Go With Us
- Closing and Benediction - Rev. Sharon Ballantyne
- Choral Blessing - MV#211 Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light

Addendum: Due to Covid 19, final motions were carried during the Board of Management meeting on March 16, 2021. *Motions #1-6, and Motion #8 were moved by Neil Douglas and seconded by Bruce Coulter to be carried.*

- **Motion of Business #7B:** *Moved by Susan Sweet Lebeau and seconded by Paul Gray to adopt the adjusted 2021 Operating Budget of \$369,944.00 as detailed on page 16 of the revised Annual Report.*

George Flavell, Chair

Sheila Montero, Recording Secretary

INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER'S REPORT

"Dance with the Spirit!" It is up to us to engage fully in our commitments to deepen our personal faith. We are the ones to energize our community of faith to thrive. It takes our whole village, being the hands, feet, voice and heart of Jesus in all the places we live, work, worship, pray, play and have our being.

"Courage does not consist of the absence of fear. Courage, rather, is the mastering of that fear: feeling the fear and going forward anyway." — Carey D. Lohrenz, U.S. Navy's First Female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot (Cameron Trimble, "Piloting Church" 2020).



I live this in my own life as "courage is fear that has said its prayers."

As you read through these pages, what brings you energy, invites your prayerful reflection, stirs your interest and what will you choose to get involved in? What is your vision for Grace community of faith going forward? Spirit on the move, dancing in, through, around and with us, we dare to catch the excitement and stay rooted in coming from a place of joy, living in gratitude and thanksgiving.

I am so grateful for opportunities I have been a part of in my year with you at Grace United. My special thanks to the Transition Team for their faith in recommending me and all the work undertaken, to the Board of Management, staff, worship team and to all of the congregation. The pandemic was difficult to be sure, but what wondrous opportunities we had in creative connecting.

- The minister's weekly newsletter along with the office sending out worship reminders, song and hymn lyrics kept us faith-focused.
- The daily "A Little Spiritual Care" offered a brief reflection, Bible verse, prayer, a photo and video.
- Zoom groups for fellowship, a few virtual supper opportunities, weekly craft and chat, lunch bunch, Bible Study, Spiritual Practices and Book Study name a few virtual outreaches we undertook to stay creatively connected.
- Card making and prayer shawl ministry brought new outreaches including our every household Easter and Canada day deliveries.
- The pastoral care phone team was birthed by a team of wonderful people sharing connections by phone.

- A summer fun outreach delivering pizza takeout boxes filled with activities for families to enrich their spiritual connections and have some summer fun.
- The arrival of our Youth, Young Families, & Community Outreach Minister for a two-year SME began July 1, welcoming Kevin Fitzpatrick for fourteen hours/week. Kevin's energy and enthusiasm brought a monthly newsletter to young families, outreach activities and service and volunteer experiences.
- One Roof Community Centre received donations throughout each month supporting diverse needs, with Grace members generously providing additional monthly gifts.
- A sandwich ministry, making sandwiches every second Monday began in November, with eight loaves of sandwiches going to One Roof.
- The Sleeping Cabin committee was created to support the build of one cabin, as part of the Peterborough Tiny Homes (PATH) project which included a walkathon
- Susan and Jane brought the Halloween ministry COVID style with special thanks to the youth helping to prepare the treat bags.
- The Board of Trustees were activated.
- The Board of Management worked tirelessly.
- Several governance documents were put in place and the M and P were kept very busy with many staff needs this year.
- We are so grateful for the extraordinary efforts of people to keep things going even when we had no congregation present and pandemic restrictions limited us to ten people in the building.
- The tech team was amazing figuring out livestreaming, on-line, and incredible at adapting as each week brought new experiences and ever-present efforts to try to offer worship on-line and since August 29 when we began to gather in-person, hybrid worship, with service in the sanctuary and livestreamed.
- The blessings of our two worship services and the incredible music has been so wonderful.
- A discipleship team was formed in the fall and the worship team implemented a "discipleship moment" each week to share about our many ministries.
- GPIF continued to support Honduras, even though the Missions trip in November had to be cancelled again due to COVID. Fundraising efforts were so appreciated.
- Kevin and youth and young families made a Grace tree collecting items for One Roof and YES.
- Project H.O.P.E. (Help Other People Everyday) was birthed, in a new iteration of the previous Ministry of Compassion, with many outreaches taking place from school support to blessing bags. Grace blessed others.

Thanks to all the staff and volunteers for their tireless efforts and all the care and support I received while serving as your interim intentional minister.

May hope rise in each of us to engage fully in the dance God calls each of us to be whole-heartedly part of. Faith, love, hope, compassion and positivity compel us forward in the awesome wonder of God's mystery and unending love.

"May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love...experience this love for yourselves, though it is so great that you will never see the end of it or fully know or understand it."

(Ephesians 3:17-19, The Living Bible)

Prayerfully,
Sharon

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Wow! What a year. Our Minister of 35 years just retired at the end of December 2020, leaving a void in the hearts of many of us. We all know we will never have another Lyle, some will say thank God, but not me. Mainly because Lyle was here for so long and so well liked was the reason for having to get an intentional interim minister, to give a new person a gap and not have to follow Lyle, with most people wondering why he/she is not like Lyle.

Covid-19 x 3. New intentional interim minister, then she had to leave for personal reasons. Peter Robinson resigned as property manager for health reasons. Band leader Tony Mason has been on medical leave since summer and currently on 3 months leave. Long time organist Paul Tessier resigned to have more weekend time with his out of town family. I'm sure I missed something or someone for which I apologize.

On the brighter side, thank God for Shelby, Susan, and Neil Lebeau, not only the light and life of our online presence, but always at the Church before me on Sunday mornings and the last to leave. They also set up and tear down various items for each service. It is a real pleasure to watch them work setting up sound, picture etc for each online and in-house service. And Jane Bleecker, every Sunday there checking us in and ensuring Covid protocols are adhered to as well as operating the computer for the screen at both services most times lately.

I also must commend the newly formed worship team for looking after service challenges including taking care of services while the search is on for a new full time minister. Looking forward in 2022 to being able to have full services again with lots of people in the Church. We are still working on improving the sound challenges

in the Church, but first of we need to get to the 'new normal', get funds in line then look after sound.

We are thankful that with government assistance, we were able to keep all employees on board during the worst of Covid; without those funds we would have had serious choices to make. Those funds have now dried up so hopefully more will continue to come in through your givings.

Special thanks to our Treasurer, Susan Sweet Lebeau for her shrewd handling of our funds. She has spent countless hours searching for savings wherever and whenever she could, including saving a bunch by switching our phone, internet, and bank machine.

Last but by no means least I want to thank the Board of Management for allowing me to place a plaque in memory of my Karen on the post of the new digital sign that my family and a friend had installed at the front of the Church. Karen always thought that although the old one did the job, it was outdated.

George Flavell, Chairperson, Board of Management, Grace United Church.

P.S. - We can still use more members on our Board.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Report submitted by Neil Douglas

2021 saw changes in the staff at Grace.

- Paul Tessier, our Music Director, retired at the end of 2021. We would like to thank Paul for his many years of commitment to his music ministry at Grace.
- Kaitlyn Maloney has left Grace as the Children and Youth Ministry Director; we would like to thank her for work in this ministry during the challenge of the pandemic.
- Reverend Dr. Sharon Ballantyne resigned as our Intentional Interim Minister due to personal reasons. Reverend Ballantyne, during her time as Grace's Intentional Interim Minister, guided Grace a long way down the path of transition. The team would like to thank Reverend Ballantyne for her dedication and commitment to Grace's transition.

One of the goals of transition at Grace was to review with the Board of Management and guide in updating governance at Grace. The M&P Committee has made significant progress in updating and putting in place job documents for all positions at Grace. This work will continue and be concluded in 2022.

I would like to thank Paul Gray, Celia Hunter, Sharon Maskell, and Marilyn Sutherst for all their efforts on the M&P Committee.

Neil Douglas
Past Acting Chair
Ministry and Personnel Committee

EAST CENTRAL ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Report submitted Paul and Joanne Gray
Lay Representatives on Regional Council

In 2021, the Regional Council held two general meetings, one in the spring and one in the fall. Unlike previous years, where they met in person for 1 ½ days each time, these meetings were by Zoom which increased the number of people participating while reducing the cost of holding the meetings. In addition to the semi-annual meetings, in the few months prior to each of the meetings, a series of three meetings were held, via Zoom, with each one focused on a specific topic that was to arise at the following semi-annual meeting. Participants enjoyed the opportunity for more in-depth discussion of a topic while reducing the need to spend large amounts of time on this topic at the semi-annual meeting.

The Regional Council picks about four priorities for staff and member teams to concentrate on each year and these groups provide research, background materials, training and advocacy materials on these topics. In addition to the annual priorities, the Regional Council is responsible for Ministerial oversight and placement and the creation of new or disbanding of existing churches. The latter has taken up quite a bit of the Regional Council capacity. To address the problem of a growing number of churches that do not have a permanent Minister, the Regional Council voted to allow Ministerial candidates who have completed their course work and at least 6 months of congregational internship, to perform the sacraments of baptism and communion provided that they have done this at least once supervised by an ordained Minister. Sharon and Kevin arranged to do supervised sacraments shortly before Sharon left so now Kevin can officiate at the sacraments for Grace.

Also, Joanne Gray attended several meetings of the Extension Council. This council managed funds that were lent out to churches for capital projects at zero interest. It was decided that we would close our account and transfer the funds to Toronto. They will manage our funds under the rules we provided to them. Larry Breakenridge has agreed to be the treasurer during the wind down and final transfer.

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT 2021

The past year has been challenging for us all. Not only have we been dealing with the far-reaching impact of the on-going pandemic: we are also continuing to work our way through the major transition in the life of our congregation, following the retirement of our long-term minister in 2020 during a pandemic.

In 2021, under the guidance of Reverend Dr. Sharon Ballantyne as our Intentional Interim Minister, Grace made significant progress on the transitional goals we set out for ourselves. With Reverend Dr. Sharon Ballantyne's resignation in 2021, it was determined that significant progress had been made on the transition goals, as reported in the Transition Team's communication in December, such that Grace could now start to search for a permanent call while we continue to work to progress our transition goals. This search process has been started by the Search Team.

While Grace seeks a permanent call the Transition Team will continue to:

- Maintain the overall focus and vision of the congregation during the transition period.
- Oversee and guide the day-to-day decisions of the ministry of Christ at Grace.
- Support, encourage, and work alongside incoming personnel during the transition period.
- Support and encourage the new clergy as they establish themselves successfully in the ministry of Christ at Grace.

The Transition Team would like to thank all the people of Grace who have worked very hard to help the congregation walk this path of transition.

Yours in Christ,

Neil Douglas

Chair, Transition Team

We delight in the beauty of a butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty.

Maya Angelou

OFFICERS FOR 2021

Board of Management 2021: Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne, Jane Bleecker, Bruce Coulter, Neil Douglas, George Flavell (Chair), Paul Gray, Anne Hare (Recording Secretary), Heather Aiton Landry, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Paula Pound, Dustin Weihs.

Ministry and Personnel Committee 2021: Neil Douglas, Sharon Maskell, Dustin Weihs (Chair)

Board of Trustees 2021: Ross Allen, Tom Beauchamp, Arlen Montgomery, Don Weaver

Regional Representatives: Joanne Gray, Paul Gray

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2022

Board of Management 2022: Bruce Coulter, Neil Douglas, Kevin Fitzpatrick, George Flavell (Chair), Paul Gray, Anne Hare (Recording Secretary), Celia Hunter, Neil Lebeau, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Paula Pound.

Ministry and Personnel Committee 2022: Neil Douglas (Acting Chair), Paul Gray, Celia Hunter, Sharon Maskell, Marilyn Sutherst.

Board of Trustees 2022: Ross Allen, Wayne Hare, Neil Lebeau (Chair)

Regional Representatives: Joanne Gray, Paul Gray

With God, all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26

FINANCIAL HEALTH at a glance...'

January 1, 2021

Bank Balance	13,399.52
Operating Line of Credit	(17,500.00)
TOTAL DEBT	(4,100.48)

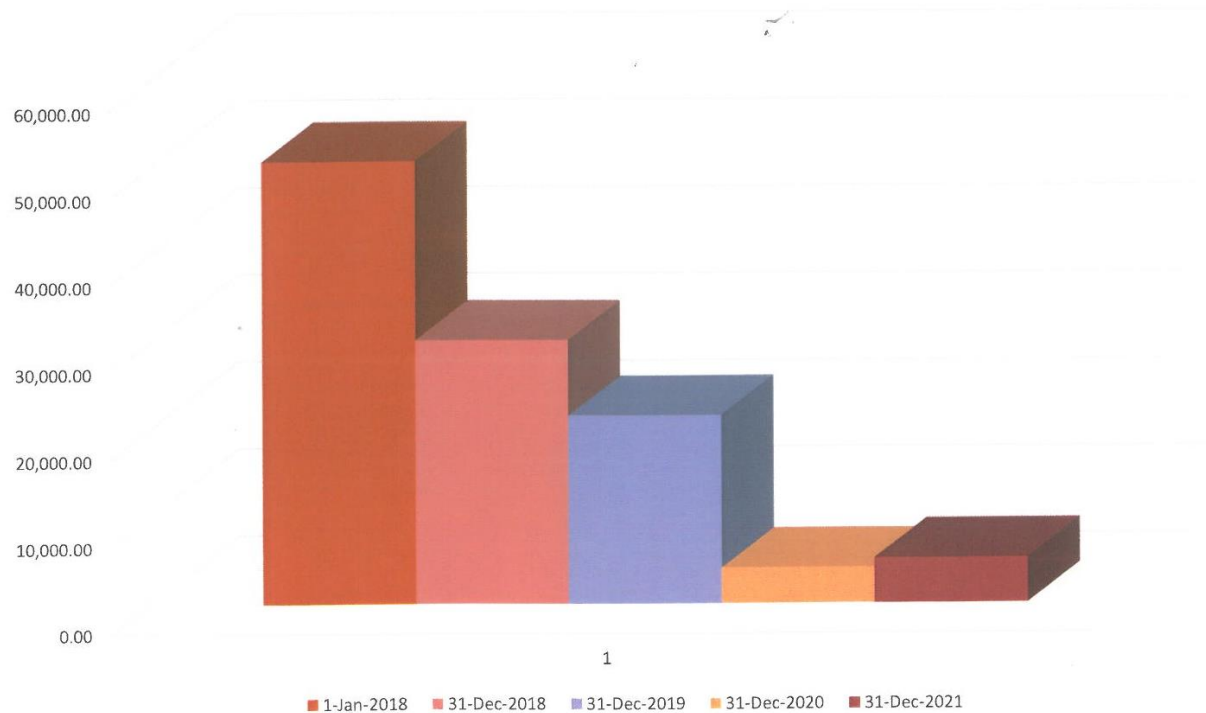
December 31, 2021

Bank Balance	342.89
Operating Line of Credit	(5,500.00)
TOTAL DEBT	(5,157.11)

Change - Year Over Year

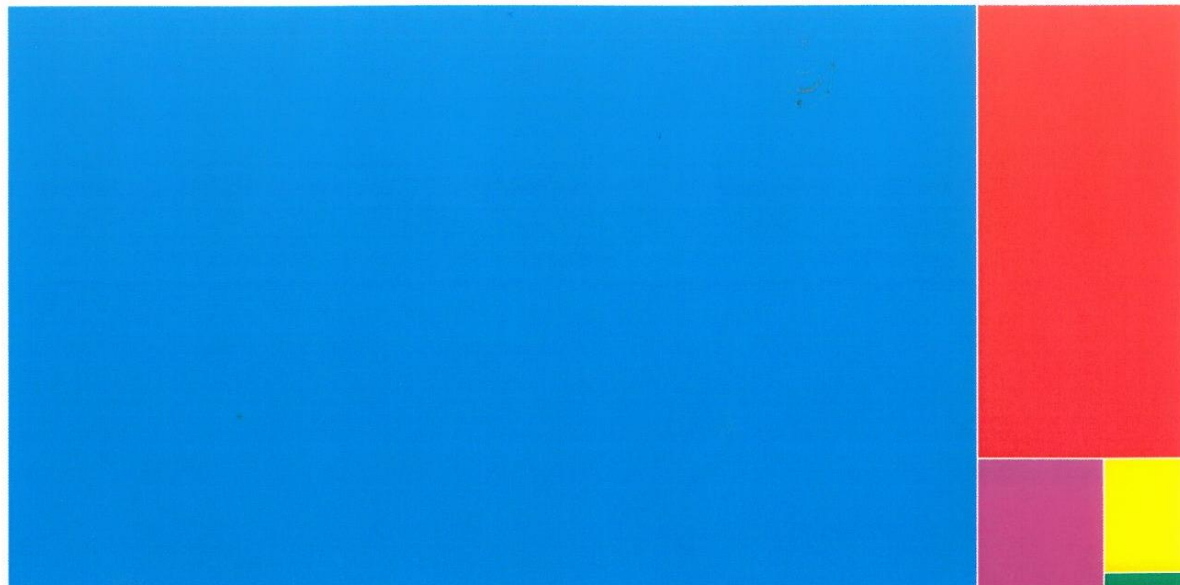
INCREASE IN DEBT	(1,056.63)
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**** NOTE:** Bank Balance includes outstanding deposits and cheques, less designated funds



2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

	2020	2021
INCOME		
Offerings	297,156.49	244,579.08
Rentals	2,153.25	597.66
Fundraisers	658.00	4,185.00
COVID-19 Gov't Assistance	47,480.41	41,186.76
Other		7,093.85
TOTAL INCOME	347,448.15	297,642.35
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MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES	328,454.03	304,192.33
SURPLUS / DEFICIT	18,994.12	(6,549.98)



- Offerings - 82.17%
- COVID-19 Gov't Assistance - 13.84%
- Fundraisers - 1.41%
- Other - 2.38%
- Rentals - 0.20%

2021 EXPENSE SUMMARY

Vision - As a Community of Faith, Grace United answers God's call to help others. Through our continued outreach programs, we are making a difference and impacting the lives of many. We do so both near and far, and in 2021 nothing stopped us from still reaching out and *'Engaging our Community'*. Locally, we have provided outreach through Project H.O.P.E. (Peterborough schools and shelters), Peterborough Public Nourishment Programs, the One Roof Community Centre and other Local Initiatives (Halloween ministry and Congregational outreaches). Through Mission & Service, we "help transform and save lives" both domestically and globally through the amazing work done through the United Church of Canada. Globally, Grace does wonderful work through Grace Partnership in Faith and we extend God's love and compassion to the people in the Nuevo Children's Village.

Worship & Ministry - Here at Grace, we have been blessed to be able to continue offering two worship services each Sunday. In 2021, we strengthened our online presence and our livestream offering has been embraced by those who are unable to join us for in-person worship. Our ministry personnel, Worship Team and lay leadership continue to be energized by The Spirit in responding to God's call in our Community of Faith. We support ongoing learning to help each of us (child, youth and adult) grow in our knowledge of what it means to be the people of God in our world.

14.10%

3.00%

3.08%

79.82%

Administrative - This section of our budget covers Office & Administration, Communications, Advertising and Banking Fees. These are necessary expenses in keeping Grace an active and vital part of our community. We have worked hard over the last year to cut administrative costs and have been successful in drastically reducing our communication costs (phone, internet and website) and Banking Costs (service fees, interest, interac machine). We continue to work toward ways to further reduce these expenses while remaining effective in this area.

Operational - Our operational budget is vital in keeping Grace alive and able to be the hands and feet of Christ in our world. The operational costs include Salaries & Benefits, insurance, Property costs, Utilities and our United Church of Canada National Assessment. The building remains in good condition and our preventative maintenance agreements continue to save us money. The United Church of Canada's National Assessment helps the costs of the broader church. People around the globe have been challenged over the past two years by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, yet through this time, Grace United has been able to keep all of our staff employed. Grace benefits in many ways through the continued employment of our dedicated staff and we are thankful for the aid provided through the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, which ended in 2021.

2022 BUDGET

	Budget - 20	Actual - 20	Budget - 21	Actual - 21	2022 Proposal
VISION					
Vision - Near					
Project H.O.P.E.	24,000.00	5,423.40	13,000.00	4,690.68	7,000.00
Tiny Homes				10,281.00	
Public Health Nourishment Programs	2,700.00	150.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	
One Roof Community Centre	4,200.00	1,058.23	4,200.00	2,688.55	
Local Initiatives	2,000.00	1,488.56	6,000.00	542.53	
Vision - Far					
Mission & Service	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
GPIF Honduras (Build)	18,000.00	8,000.00	10,000.00	4,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL VISION	68,900.00	34,120.19	53,900.00	42,902.76	\$ 29,000.00
OPERATIONAL COSTS					
Salaries & Benefits	235,000.00	216,942.58	235,000.00	207,951.73	\$ 187,220.00
National Assignment	8,744.00	8,744.00	8,744.00	8,744.00	\$ 11,202.00
Insurance	8,267.00	7,724.11	9,000.00	8,962.65	\$ 10,000.00
Property	17,000.00	10,126.93	12,000.00	9,187.14	\$ 11,600.00
COVID-19 Specific		9,394.08		10.37	
Utilities	11,000.00	8,184.48	11,000.00	7,814.36	\$ 9,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	21,200.00	16,396.94	19,000.00	9,111.28	\$ 11,300.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	5,000.00		3,000.00		
WORSHIP & MINISTRY COSTS	18,500.00	15,528.62	18,000.00	9,358.04	\$ 9,850.00
MISCELLANEOUS COSTS	300.00	17.10	300.00		\$ 300.00
TRANSITIONAL COSTS	9,000.00	1,275.00		150.00	
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	334,011.00	294,333.84	316,044.00	261,289.57	\$ 250,472.00
FULL TOTAL EXPENSES	402,911.00	328,454.03	369,944.00	304,192.33	\$ 279,472.00

*“You can’t have a perfect day without doing something
for someone who’ll never be able to repay you.”*

~ John Wooden

Memorial Account

Balance January 01, 2021		18,394.01	
ADD: Donations in Memoriam	1,706.83		
ADD: New Initiatives	<u>33,600.00</u>		
TOTAL IN		35,306.83	
LESS: Sanctuary Blinds	(4,696.25)		
LESS: Outdoor Digital Sign	(24,010.14)		
LESS: Speakers	(1,602.03)		
LESS: Live-stream Items	<u>(2,700.86)</u>		
Change in 2021		(33,009.28)	
Balance December 31, 2021		<table border="1"><tr><td>20,691.56</td></tr></table>	20,691.56
20,691.56			

Designated Funds within

Funds Held for Future Funeral	1,000.00
New Initiatives Fund	7,560.47
Agape Café - Innovations Grant	1,755.00
In Memory Funds	10,376.09

Statement of Audit / Review

I have carefully reviewed the financial records for Grace United Church, including receipts, disbursements and supporting documents. During this review, I have found no significant items that would suggest any concern and it is my opinion that these financial statements accurately represent the financial position of Grace United Church as at December 31, 2021. ~ **Rhonda Freeburn**

Grace Partnership In Faith 2021

Accounts Reviewed by Susan Sweet Lebeau 2022

Income Statement 2021

Income		Expenses	
Sales Of Gift Cards	12,490.00	Purchase of Gift Cards	11,983.07
Donations	550.00	Friends Of Honduran Children	
Donations through Grace	5,260.00	- 2021	22,000.00
Grace Contribution for		Bank Fees	148.82
2021 Projects	4,000.00		
Total Income 2021	22,300.00	Total Expenses 2021	34,131.89
Net Income 2021	(11,831.89)		

AVGEN Gift Cards 2021

Cards On Hand 1 Jan 2021	11,445.00		
Value of Cards Purchased	11,983.07	Sales Value of Cards Sold - 2021	12,490.00
Profit Value of Cards Purchased	466.93	Balance Of Cards In Minus Cards Out	11,405.00
Face Value Of Cards From Avgen	12,450.00		
Total of Cards In 2021	23,895.00	Actual Cards On Hand 31 Dec 2021	11,405.00
Change In Card Inventory During year	(40.00)		

Balance Sheet 2021

Bank Balance 1 Jan 2021	25,381.63	Total Assets 1 Jan 2021	39,511.63
Outstanding Deposits	2,685.00	Net income 2021	(11,831.89)
Gift Card Balance 1 Jan 2021	11,445.00	Gift Card Inventory Decrease During 2021	(40.00)
Total Assets 1 Jan 2021	39,511.63	Balance of Assets Dec 31 2021	27,639.74
		Year End Assets On Hand	
		Bank Balance 31 Dec 2021	6,874.74
		Gift Card Balance 31 Dec 2021	11,405.00
		Outstanding Deposits	9,360.00
		Total Assets 31 Dec 2021	27,639.74

Expenditures For Honduran Projects 2021 **22,000.00**

HEALTH CABINET – FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Submitted By Tina Dyck, Treasurer (Accounts Reviewed by Susan Sweet Lebeau, January 2022)

Bank Balance January 2021: \$2,940.22

<u>Health Cabinet</u>			
Balance Forward Jan 1, 2021	\$310.80		
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Total Receipts	\$310.80	Bank Charges	\$20.00
Balance - Dec 31, 2021	\$290.80	Total Disbursements	\$20.00
<u>Grace Healing Pathway</u>			
Balance January 1, 2021	\$1,011.22		
<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Donation	50.00	Bank Charges	5.00
Total Receipts	\$1061.22	Total Disbursements	\$5.00
Balance – Dec 31, 2021	\$1,056.22		
<u>Regional Healing Pathway</u>			
Balance January 1, 2021	\$1618.20		
Balance – Dec. 31, 2021	\$1,618.20		

Bank Balance Parish Nurse Ministry

Dec. 31, 2021 = \$2,965.22 (290.80 + 1056.22 + 1618.20)





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Agape Café

Submitted by Heather Aiton-Landry

The Agape Café is currently on hiatus due to the pandemic. It takes place (usually) on the 2nd Saturday night of each month at Grace. The Café provides a space for experienced musicians with a spiritual bent to showcase their talent in a friendly, alcohol-free environment, and a place for live music lovers to hear acoustic, life-affirming music. Admission is by freewill offering and tea, coffee and desserts are available for a nominal fee. The proceeds from each Agape Café go back into the community to benefit different local charities. We plan to re-boot the Café when restrictions permit.

Children, Youth and Young Families Ministry

Submitted by Kevin Fitzpatrick

It has been an honour working with so many wonderful people at Grace United Church this past six months. In my role as Youth, Young Families and Community Outreach Minister, I appreciate the warm and friendly welcome from the people of Grace United, those I have met in person and those I have talked with in phone conversations, Zoom calls and emails, and I hope as COVID protocols and regulations ease, that I am able to meet most of those members in person to build relationships that will help me in my Supervised Ministry Education.

I have had some opportunities to meet some of our Youth and Young Families and offered events and programs that have had some limited successes. As the challenge has been around COVID and its affects on social gatherings and communal events, it was strategizing what could be offered as activities that would navigate around these protocols and regulations that would

engage our youth and young families, and this has been the learning curve.



With this in mind, I planned outdoor events during the good weather months available since my start on July 1, 2021 and held events such as our Covenant of Colours celebration, in our colours mindfulness walk through Jackson Park, that was turned into an all ages event and we had a nice turnout for that event. Youth were involved in collecting food for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Y.E.S., as well as preparing

treat bags for Halloween. As we moved indoors with protocols being kept, our Advent Event had a core of our youth come to decorate the hall and prepare our Grace Tree that was an outreach to help project hope, and the youth were enthusiastic to encourage each other and the congregation to contribute to Project Hope through givings of the supplies needed for that ministry.

I found through phone conversations that the young families of Grace were hesitant to being involved because of COVID concerns, and we have had to look at some new ways at reaching out and engaging those families. As we look to offer an online content in 'Children's Church', we hope to offer Christian Education in Bible stories, prayers, songs, and craft time. I do this with the help of volunteers from the Grace community to make this a local offering that will be a temporary measure until such a time as children and parents will join the congregation again as risks lower as COVID subsides.



I look forward to 2022, as I continue to serve the wonderful folks of Grace United Church, with events planned for our youth and young families, that will again have to be planned around COVID protocols, and keeping those in mind, using technology to its advantage to keep engaging Youth and Young Families. I am also mindful of succession planning to prepare Grace United Church to continue this wonderful ministry with the conclusion of my Supervised Ministry Education as of July 2023. I thank you all for this learning opportunity.

Blessings and Prayers

Kevin Fitzpatrick

Youth, Young Families and Community Outreach Minister

Discipleship Team

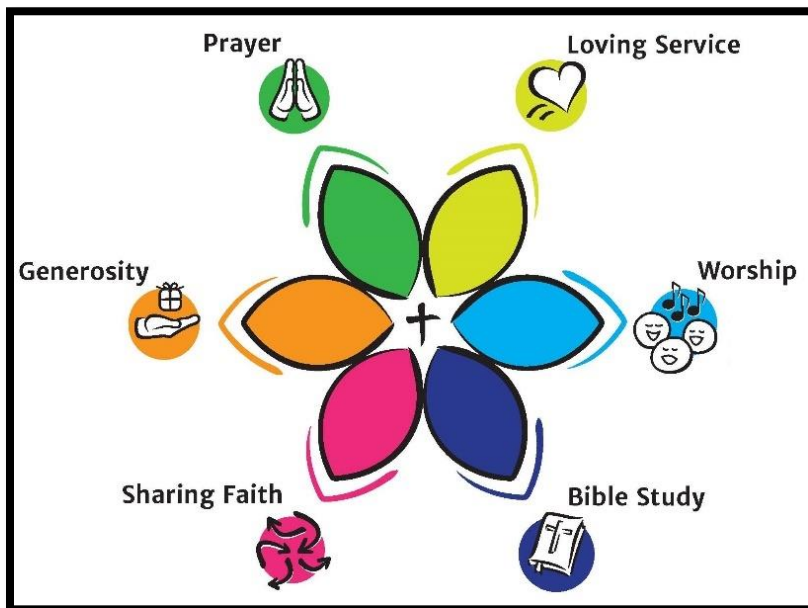
Submitted by Susan Sweet Lebeau

In October, four lay leaders joined Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne as we participated in a United Church of Canada stewardship workshop with Roger Janes titled, Called to be the Church. During this workshop, we learned that stewardship cannot be separated from discipleship. Discipleship Is Stewardship might seem simple and obvious, yet the implications are far-reaching for those who seek to walk the way of Jesus. There is a reality that everything we see is a gift from God entrusted to our care. How we manage these gifts is an act of discipleship, a spiritual practice. The five aspects of discipleship – gratitude, commitment, relationship, abundance, and thanksgiving, embody a full life of stewardship.

The wonderful image you see on the next page depicts the Discipleship Flower. Beginning near the end of October, Grace has been lifting up discipleship moments each week as we continue to learn more about the life and work of our community of faith, Mission and Service and all of our reaching out near and far.

The discipleship flower is made up of six petals... Each petal is a different Key Spiritual Practice.

Loving Service – Caring for the needs of those both within the church and outside the church; and seeking justice for all.



Worship – Gathering in God's presence with others of faith to celebrate what God is doing.

Bible Study – Learning what the core stories of our faith teach us about faithful living.

Sharing Faith – Inviting people to come and experience God's love revealed in Jesus and in the church.

Generosity – Sharing freely from the talents, time and treasure that God has given us to help do God's mission.

Prayer – Spending time in God's presence; spoken, silent, moving, still, sharing and receiving.

The Discipleship Flower as a whole is a wonderful reminder that our lives are more full when we make these key spiritual practices a part of our living.

We are looking for more individuals interested in our Grace United Discipleship Team. If you are interested in the discipleship team, contact Susan Sweet Lebeau, Paula Pound, Celia Hunter, Joanne Gray or Jane Bleecker to learn more.

Friday South End Bid Euchre

Submitted by Sharon Maskell

On March 13th, 2020, we held our last successful bid euchre game at the church. We really miss being able to get together, as do many others with their groups. We have not met again officially since then, and I often hear from our members that they are eagerly waiting to get back. When we do get back, we will be following all the safety protocols of vaccines, distancing, and masks. Some of us have met in a very small group, one table, in people's homes. Sadly, we have also had several members of our card group pass away as have a couple of their spouses.

It will be so nice to return. We have better mental health, we enjoy the company of like-minded individuals, we have a warm and welcoming location to meet, and we are helping to make a difference in our community and supporting the church's goals.

Grace Partnership in Faith
Submitted Jane Bleecker, Chair of GPIF



Give your hands to Service and your hearts to Love ...
Mother Teresa

It has been two years since we last travelled to Nuevo Paraiso to visit the Children's Village and our Honduran friends. The world has been impacted by many restrictions and travel bans keeping us home but a piece of our hearts will always be in Honduras with the Children.

When I was participating in a Zoom meeting last week with some folks on the ground in Honduras, I learned that there is hope the children will return to in school learning soon. Like here they have been doing the best to keep up with on line classes; greatly hampered by unreliable internet connections and few computers. The older students have been using WhatsApp for lessons on their devices using work books provided by FOHC education committee thru a grant they received.

I can tell you that all the Children 12 and over have received at least one vaccine jab and that although there have been Covid related cases in the area none of the Children have been sick. They have been staying safe in their homes and playground areas, huge Blessings to the Tias and other staff who have kept them all safe and healthy the past 2 years.

A huge Thanks to everyone who has continued to purchase Shop & Support cards the past year. Even though Wayne has moved out of town, he continues to stock and track the cards and Jane has them at her home to sell.



We are so excited to have been able to send \$7,000.00 US dollars to Honduras to help ensure every Child received a Christmas gift and to help with the purchase of stoves and supplies like pots & pans, bed sheets and such that we would normally help with when we were there at the Village.

Without the continuing support of the folks at Grace along with families, friends and past brigadiers, this would not have been possible. Santa Needs Help was a huge success!!

Our hope is to be able to travel to Honduras this November and continue the work that GPIF started back in 2006 with the first brigade. As plans move forward I will update you all and hope that maybe some of you will consider joining us.

Our hearts are overflowing with Thankfulness:

Wayne & Anne – Tom – Dawna - Celia - & Jane

Halloween Ministry

Submitted by Susan Sweet Lebeau and Jane Bleecker

Since October 31, 2017, Grace United Church has been outreaching to the community through our Halloween Ministry. Even through the global pandemic, we have welcomed the young people of our community on this special evening of fun. Families and children come dressed in costumes of every kind, to share in this fun-filled evening going door-to-door in our community.



Dressed up in costumes, our ministry members shell-out treats, and in return receive the beautiful smiles from children of all ages as they celebrate life. We may not know who they are under those creative dressings, but we know God does; and we are here to share the

love and light of Christ as we engage with the families who visit. Each year we have put little scriptures and inspirational sayings on their treats, in hopes that they will plant a seed of love and thanksgiving in their hearts. This year, our small yet mighty team were blessed to have the youth of Grace come out in advance to help us decorate and fill 91 treat bags. We had a dynamite turnout of young people as we gave out all of the treat bags by the time we turned off the pumpkin and the children were heading home to check out their collections before tucking into bed with visions of candy dancing in their heads. We look forward to fun and adventure as we anticipate what next year's Halloween Ministry will bring to our church, both within and outside of our walls.



Health Cabinet

Submitted by Carol Allen

We have met two times in celebratory Pot Luck settings when it was safe for small gatherings to congregate.

Many of the things we have done at Grace in the past continue to be on hold but not forgotten.

When we have the safety Okay from Public Health we will begin our regular programming.

We will recreate monthly Blood Pressure checks at the end of each of the services with volunteers with skills to take blood pressures. This will mean polling hopeful volunteers to take on this role with Anne Hare's guidance. Sufficient time has passed that we must assess the status of former volunteers and their willingness to take up this role safely again.

Our "Lunch and Learn" speakers are committed to attend these luncheons within a safe format of viral precautions only when Public Health give us the assurance to go ahead with our plans for public gatherings.

Our annual Roast Beef Dinner is on our books - as a possibility. Many factors govern booking this event safely and with enough people power to accomplish it. Now that we are in our Third year of health restrictions, many health factors of our members and volunteers could change our ability to accomplish this.

We remain an active membership waiting in the wings to safely resume our activities.

Members are: *Carol Allen, Anne Hare, Tina Dyck, Wendy Duplessis, Lucie Bonter, Diane Mathieson, Sue Franklin, Jane Bleecker, Marilyn Sutherst, Sandra Skinner.*

Healing Pathway Ministry

Our Healing Pathway Hands on Ministry has been resting with a short start up for Four weeks in November and December. The Omicron Virus has delayed our in-person ministry for the time being.

We are continuing with an active distant healing ministry addressing requests all over Canada, England and New Zealand to name a few places.

Carol Allen and Yasmin Zand have achieved a year long extensive final phase four A and B on line course in Healing Pathway.

Carol has completed the three phases of Reiki and received her Reiki Master's level from Reiki Master, Evelyn Whiteside.

Carol has also completed all levels of Donna Eden's courses on Magnetic Healing online.

Tina Dyck, Barb Moffat, Yasmin Zand and Carol Allen completed a number of Tapping (EFT) courses with Ferne Hearne before and during Covid.

We continue to keep occupied with spiritual endeavours to enrich our journey in Christ. Many opportunities in the library and online help occupy our valuable time during Covid restrictions.

Our H.P. members practicing have been reduced. We have lost June Smith McMillan and Barb Moffat.

Cecilia Simmons, Sheila Montero are on leave. Joanna O'Donoghue from Greenwood United will be back when we are actively practicing again at Grace. Liz Valois has been very active with us before restrictions, when not in her Florida home. Joanna MacQuarrie, Mary Ruth Begbie and Anne Smith are a part of The St. Andrew's group and support Regional H.P. efforts when they are able.

Our distant healing ministry continues and we would be happy to address your interest in our ministry. Just call Carol Allen at 705-745-2554 to set a time or respond to your inquiries.

Our hopes are to resume our ministry as soon as Public Health gives us the ok to proceed with hands on care safely.

We continue to plan in hopes we can safely hold Healing Pathway Regional classes at Grace with Courses in *"Introduction to Healing Pathway"* and a possible *"Level Two Part "A" Healing From the Heart"*.

We look forward with anticipation to begin our ministry at Grace in 2022 safely.

Lay Supervision Team

Submitted by Joanne Gray

As a Supervised Ministry Education site, Grace is responsible for establishing a Lay Supervision Team to support Kevin Fitzpatrick, our S.M.E. candidate and Minister of Youth, Young Families, and Community Outreach. We began our journeying with Kevin in June. We have 4 people from Grace and 3 from Janetville/Mt. Horab congregations. We endeavour to support Kevin as he works at all 3 churches. We meet the first Tuesday of the month, unless something urgent arises.

Grace Members are: Joanne Gray, Celia Hunter, Eric St. Pierre.



Monday Night Book Club

Submitted by Heather Aiton Landry

The Grace Book Club began in October 2021 under the guidance of Rev. Sharon. This small and mighty group has been winding its way through Caroline Myss' latest book, *Intimate Conversations with the Divine*. This book was written from the perspective of Myss' own spiritual journey and prayer life, and she draws on a number of faith traditions in her search for meaning and connection with the Divine. She asserts that the purpose of prayer is "a request for help in how to see."

Our group reads one prayer at a time over the course of a week and comes together via Google Meet to reflect upon and discuss, in a safe and private space, whatever comes to mind from our experiences of the weekly prayer. We each take turns reading a section of that week's chapter,

which is divided into a prayer, guidance, grace, and a “pocket prayer”. It is a time of reflection, fellowship, support, as well as a reasonable dose of joking around.

At present, we have 9 members who attend regularly. Because the group meets online, being out of town is not an obstacle to being a part of the group—one of our members has lately been joining us from Florida. In fact, some of our regular attendees are not even human, as we also host a couple of dogs and at least one cat.

Music Ministry

Submitted by Bev Templar

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this past year has been another very difficult and stressful one, as all are aware. None of us could ever have imagined we'd be entering our third year of Covid-19.

As we have been required to adjust constantly to the Public Health Guidelines, which have changed intermittently several times, we were unable to have rehearsals with numbers limited, etc., Music Ministry has been, at times, impossible.

Yet, with the dedication and efforts of Carol Allen, Ross Allen, Lynn Dragomir, Colette Zaluski, Joanne Gray, Paula Pound, Tina Dyck, Ann Entwistle, Deb Passmore, and Susan Sweet Lebeau, we have attempted to provide Music Ministry most Sundays.

I can't thank these active members enough for continuing the fight! From my heart, Thank you!



We look forward to welcoming back other members of the choir when they feel it is safe to do so, and also welcome some new faces to hopefully rebuild the choir in the months ahead, once we are given the green light!

We continue to be hopeful and patient. We pray the day will come in 2022 when it will be safe to sing with gusto once more!

We sadly said goodbye to our organist, Paul Tessier, at the end of December and thank him for the 14 years he served as organist and choir accompanist. We wish you happiness and good health in your retirement, Paul.

May we continue to praise and glorify God through the ministry of music when it is safe to do so!

“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.”

19th Grace Scouting

Submitted by Beverley Reid, Group Commissioner, 19th Peterborough



It starts with Scouts.

At the completion of 2021 our leadership team consisted of Cubs - Lochlyn Newton, Mitchell Syer; Scouts – Jennifer Cowey; Rovers – Kim Syer, Ted Reid. Our Group Committee consists of Bev Reid, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Kim Syer, Sue Franklin, Tom Beauchamp, Neil Lebeau, Kelly Stinson, Seth Doornbos

This year has been an interesting year. The Cubs and Scouts continued to meet virtually or in person outside as allowed. We continued to meet with 4th Peterborough at Westdale United Church in order to have enough leaders and be able to give the youth a fantastic program. The Scouts met over the summer which was a first for us.

Our Baden-Powell week celebrations were modified this year. Scouting members participated in a virtual service which included a tribute to Scouter Herb Franklin.

By September, the rules changed to allow Scouting to meet indoors!! Even though we met outside as much as possible, it was nice to know that we had the availability of indoor facilities.



In the fall, we were able to have our first in-person Group Committee meeting in about 2 years. At this meeting we were privileged to present Ted Reid with the Silver Acorn (for especially distinguished service to Scouting). At the same meeting, we presented Mitchell Syer with the Medal of Good Service (for good service to Scouting). Several Long service certificates and pins were also presented in August and September. Seth Doornbos and Kim Syer received their 10 year award, Ted Reid received his 25 year award, Roger Cowey

received his 45 year award and Donna Ferguson received her 55 year award. Congratulations to all and Well deserved!!!



In the fall, Roger Cowey and Donna Ferguson chose to retire from Scouting. Thank you to both of them for their long years of service to the youth of 19th Peterborough and several other groups in Peterborough.

We are continuing to meet with 4th Peterborough (Westdale) and are actively looking for more leaders and youth so that our sections can start meeting again at Grace United Church.

At the completion of 2021, we had 7 Fun-Loving Cubs, 7 Scouts and 3 Rovers providing Service and 10 adults in leadership or support. We continue to be active within the Grace church community and sincerely thank the Grace family for their continued support for this youth program.

If you know of a youth who might be interested in Scouting, please call Bev Reid 705-748-6345.

One Roof Community Centre

Submitted by Dawna Rhodenhizer



It was a challenging year for the staff and clients of One Roof Community Centre. On any given day, OR provides assistance to 100-200 people, and support from the people of Grace did so much to help.

I often ask the OR staff what they need, and the most requested items are water and socks. Because there are simply no water fountains in the city any more, bottled water is essential every day, and especially during the heat of the summer. (Due to COVID restrictions, it is only recently that OR was permitted to allow refillable bottles.) Re: socks: homeless people don't always have a place to wash and dry their clothes, so when their socks get wet – which happens frequently when living rough - they simply have nowhere to dry them. Inevitably the socks get lost or left behind.

Over the past year Grace has provided thousands of bottles of water, and at least a thousand pairs of socks. That has been a game-changer for some of the OR clients. This may seem like a huge expense, but to give it a monetary perspective, the socks cost less than \$1.40 per day. The water cost 8-12¢ (yes: cents!) per bottle, depending on where I could get it.

Additionally, and as funds allowed, we have provided many pairs of gloves/mitts, hats, personal hygiene products (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, etc.), and many other essential items. Plus, every two weeks, I deliver about 8 dozen home-made cookies (always a big hit!) made by one of our regular contributors. In the winter I also purchase as many hand/foot-warmers as I can find.

The people of Grace are so wonderfully generous, and the staff at OR are very grateful for our support. At every visit I tell them the same thing: "This is from the people of Grace." They always send their thanks, as do many of the clients. In fact, I have rarely left OR without at least one or two clients calling out a "Thank you!".

I would also like to give a shout-out to the owner of the No Frills store on George Street and the owner of the Giant Tiger store in the west end. Both of these men - without a moment's hesitation - agreed to give me a special discount for the OR items I buy in their stores. I have learned from other sources that they are not making any profit on some of the items I purchase. That speaks volumes about their care and concern for people in this city. St. Matthew 25:35 comes to mind.

If anyone has questions or concerns regarding this project, please contact me. I am more than happy to provide any information that I can. Donations of money or goods are always welcome. If you would like to offer goods, I can provide suggestions. I will also deliver any usable items that are donated.

As always: with a humble and very grateful heart, I sincerely thank you all.

Pastoral Care Phone Team

Submitted by Joanne Gray

Rev Sharon began this group shortly after her arrival. It was felt that people without emails were not being updated on church activities through emails. She asked for volunteers and about 15 people responded. She then divided her list up amongst them. Generally, people are called twice a month. If you know of someone who would benefit from a phone call, please contact Joanne Gray or Sharon Maskell.

Prayer Chains

Submitted by Paula Pound

A group of thirteen dedicated members pray for requests received from the congregation and associates through the website, the office or by contacting the coordinator, Paula Pound, directly. Paula emails these requests for prayers to the other members.

All requests are kept strictly confidential and information is only shared if given permission by those for whom we are praying.

This year we have also taken on praying each week for other churches in the East Central Region following the Prayer Cycle that is sent out by the United Church of Canada.

Anyone who has a prayer request or is wishing to be part of this prayer chain can contact me or the office.

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.”

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Submitted by Joanne Gray

This ministry evolved out of the craft group. Prayer shawls are donated by members. Shawls are given out for a variety of reasons: births, graduations, illness, sympathy etc. Each person who crafts one (and it can be from any craft: knitted crocheted, quilted etc) prays as it is being created and a note is attached to each stating that and also that it has been blessed in a church service. Wool may be donated to the church office and shawls can be taken in any time the church is open. If you know of someone who would benefit from being wrapped in God's love, feel free to take a shawl to them.



Project H.O.P.E.

Submitted with hope-filled hearts by Susan Sweet Lebeau & Bruce Coulter



Following nearly one and half years of the Global Covid-19 Pandemic, a small group of Grace United Church members gathered together online in June 2021 to discuss ministry opportunities in our Community of Faith. We all believed that, not only after the pandemic but also during it, the call of the church and the needs of the community would be different from a time prior to March 2020.

Much had already changed in everyone's lives, and our community inside and beyond the walls of Grace would continue to adjust to changing times, so we gathered to re-envision some ministry opportunities. The question of the evening was: How can Grace United Church move forward in "Engaging the Community" through these new times?

Project H.O.P.E was born out of the desire to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and was built upon the foundation laid by the Ministry of Compassion. Our church and our local community were blessed for many years through the hard work and dedication of the Ministry of Compassion volunteers, and for this, we say Thank You.

Project H.O.P.E. began as a response to the ever-changing needs of our neighbours near and far. While reaching out to local agencies and schools, it became clear that there was and is a need for "Hope" in our community, and so, Project H.O.P.E began. H.O.P.E stands for Help Other People Everyday. This ministry has been and will continue to be one that is constantly growing, changing and evolving to include programs that will offer HOPE to our community.

Our Project H.O.P.E. team has been overwhelmed by the tremendous support received for this new ministry. You have once again shown what can be achieved when a caring and compassionate community comes together to *Share Christ so all will know... ..the forgiveness, love and grace of God!* When we asked for help with items needed in our community - you gave. When we needed volunteers to fill bags, boxes and packs - you came.



In the first six months of Project H.O.P.E., we have supported Roger Neilson Public School with 30 backpacks filled with much-needed school supplies; Kenner Collegiate with two boxes of personal items and school supplies to aid in student support; 30 well-stocked blessings bags to YES (Youth Emergency Shelter) of items they desired; and with the added blessing of The Grace Tree collecting warm items (gloves, scarves, socks etc) during Advent, we delivered 30 Christmas Blessings Bags to the One Roof Community Center along with extra items for their give-out cupboard; and from The Grace Tree we also gave two bags of youth items to YES to help keep them warm during the winter season.

We are looking forward to a time when we will have the opportunity to be able to gather once again to make Grace United Church a Community Hub where all people will be welcomed and we will truly “Engage our Community”.

As we move into 2022, we pray that we all continue to refract the light of Christ with each colour from the prism of Project H.O.P.E. reaching more of our community. In order to better share our resources, Project H.O.P.E. has evolved to include our local outreach ministries including but not limited to the One Roof Community Center and Public Nourishment Programs. With your continued giving of time and resources (collected items and financial), HOPE will grow before our eyes.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Project H.O.P.E. team, please connect with us at projecthope@graceunited.ca.

“Never underestimate the power of hope. Hope fuels us with energy and courage to go forward”
~ Adele Basher

Public Nourishment Programs

*Submitted by Laura Jack, Community Worker,
Peterborough County City Health Unit*

Well, I begin another year gazing wistfully at my bins of ‘portable’ kitchen equipment. Unfortunately, I didn’t make it downstairs into your Grace United Kitchen for 2021.

That is not to say that we didn’t do any cooking though this past year! Myself and two other community workers have been busy cooking for many different programs this past year. It has involved baking for the school breakfast programs, since volunteers couldn’t go into schools, and supplying snacks and soup lunches for vaccine clinics all over town. We have started to use some of the cooking videos in Myrtle’s kitchen (from December of 2020) that we did in the Health Unit kitchen, in our on-line cooking classes this year and available on our website for viewing anytime.

The Crock-pot classes have been well received and many people have received crock pots from us along with recipes and gift cards to buy ingredients so they had them ‘on hand’ to cook along with our community workers on-line. Many have ‘graduated’ to other classes, using the videos mentioned earlier and we have had Dietitians joining us to answer any dietary questions participants have had.

We have continued to help support the YWCA Nourish Food Boxes, (all through 2020 and 2021), with ordering food, submitting recipes for their newsletter, packing the boxes and then delivering them right to people’s doorsteps. There was a total of 6,181 YWCA Nourish Emergency food boxes delivered in 2021. Many have been able to pay a subsidy price for the boxes which helps to extend the programs reach. Funding we had access to helped the health unit to pay for some of these boxes when a family’s funds just couldn’t stretch any further.

We also, have learned to stretch our ideas on how to reach people without the technology to 'see' a class, through group phone, 'kitchen table talks', discussing food and nutrition topics suggested by the participants.

With all the different formats of these classes many have connected with others to share their experiences and ideas on how they have coped with the last two years. There is a lot of chatting and words of comfort exchanged among them.

Kitchen tables will always provide a great base to build connections on and soon we will be sitting around them again, 'breaking bread' and sharing stories!

Thank you for your support to the food programs in Peterborough these past two years.

Take care and stay safe,

Laura Jack

Sandwich Ministry

Submitted by Celia Hunter

Sandwich Gals of Grace United Church provide individually packaged sandwiches to the One Roof Community Centre every second Monday.

Getting together in the Grace kitchen, this dedicated group puts together eight loaves of assorted sandwiches while sharing stories and a little laughter. Being a small group, it has been possible in these restrictive times, to comply with all the distancing and mask requirements and enjoy some companionship while fulfilling this outreach ministry.



This group is part of a larger project that has been transplanted from the Toronto area to our region, with leadership coming from Bethany area resident Jane Berlin. She picks up and delivers our sandwiches along with dozens of others donated by small groups and individuals.

This undertaking was initially adopted by members of the Hospitality Team and was quickly welcomed as a component of our Project H.O.P.E. initiative. Colleen Breakenridge coordinates the team that also includes Judy Beauchamp, Diann Cooper, Wendy Duplessis, Diane Mathieson and Diane Mulvaney.

Sunday Service Teams

Submitted by Jane Bleecker

Welcome – Lift – LCD – Communion Team – Outside Sign

Since the start of Covid-19 and all its many variants there have been many changes to the Sunday Services at Grace. Through all the closing, openings, limitations on numbers etc. we have worked as a committed team to do our best to bring services to everyone.

From door checks, to ushering folks to seats, to keeping the slideshow moving forward, I have been blessed with helpers who came to do their part each Sunday. We did our best to uphold all the safety measures from the health unit to keep everyone safe.

With a number of the congregation turning to online viewing of the services each week; the number of in house helpers needed grew smaller and I look forward to where we all jump back into action and welcome our Grace Family back continuing to keep them safe.

Welcome, Lift & LCD duties during the past year have been shared by:

Anne Hare	George Flavell	Celia Hunter	Deb Tessier
Tiny Dyck	Wendy Duplessis	Neil Lebeau	Jane Bleecker

Communion Team:

One of the many restrictions is that we are no longer allowed to have juice and bread served to the folks. Sheila searched out prefilled little cups that are set out 48 hours ahead of service times on a table at the back to be picked up when you enter the sanctuary.

Waiting to get back: Celia Hunter & Lucie Bonter
Rob & Janie McEachern
Wendy Duplessis & Jane Bleecker

Outside Sign:

Like the faithful postman through all kinds of weather Rob McEachern was collecting letters in the choir room and taking them outside to the sign to announce the happenings at Grace – job well done Rob!

As many of you have seen driving by we now have a fancy electronic sign generously gifted to Grace United by the Flavell family in memory of Karen. Sheila with Jane as backup is now able to programme the sign from the comfort of the sanctuary keeping the community up to date with all our news.



“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the Service of others”

Mahatma Gandhi

Thursday Craft & Chat

Submitted by Joanne Gray

Rev Sharon began this group in March as a way to creatively connect during the pandemic. We began meeting on Zoom, now we are meeting on Google Meets. These virtual gatherings give everyone a chance to work on those projects that never seem to get finished and the wonderful opportunity to get to know one another more. It is incredible to see what everyone is working on. We meet each Thursday morning from 11am to Noon. Please contact Joanne Gray, if you wish to be added to the listing.

Tiny Homes/Sleeping Cabins

Submitted by Bev Templar

The Committee first met in October to learn more about this new ministry which we believe further enhances Grace's vision of "Engaging the Community" and are Honduran projects.

In November, we watched the documentary entitled "Community First: A Home for the Homeless" and enjoyed a good discussion following. We hope to show this documentary in the near future at Grace for anyone who might be interested.

On December 11, 2021 we held our walkathon "Walk for Warmth" and raised \$4,020.00!! Thank you to all our amazing supporters and to Colette for organizing. An incredible achievement indeed! Our current account balance through further donations is \$10,200.00.



Many thanks to our Grace family and team who have shown their support in helping PATH (Peterborough Action for Tiny Homes) move forward with their vision of helping to house some of the homeless in our community.

PATH's vision (statement below), initiated and led by father Leo Coughlin, has grown and changed over the past several months. We, as a steering committee, have learned and grown as well, and continue to make progress though not as quickly as initially hoped.

The cities of Kingston, Kitchener, and Fredericton New Brunswick have successfully built healing communities and have raised much municipal and financial support, unlike Peterborough. We have faced many more obstacles than ever anticipated, especially in securing land which has been and continues to be the biggest challenge to date!

The good news, folks, is that we continue the journey and look forward to realizing our vision as soon as is possible.

PATH's Current Vision Statement:

This transformative, residential program exists to love and serve our neighbours who have been living on the streets, while also empowering the surrounding community into a lifestyle of service with the homeless.

PATH intends to set up a healing community which will transform lives. Through a home of their own, and through opportunities for healthy decisions and work opportunities, people will find the security and support they need, but also the home and community they crave.

We, at Grace, are ready to engage in the process as soon as we get the go-ahead!

Thank you for your unwavering support and prayers which are so greatly appreciated.

Grace Tiny Home/Sleeping Cabin Committee:

Deb Passmore, Maureen Wood, Colette Zaluski, Wendy Duplessis, Neil Lebeau, Ross Allen, Bev Templar

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

Submitted by Joanne Gray

Rev. Sharon began this group in March. She began with a list of qualities that we should consider and think about how our week was affected by any of them and shared our thoughts. We discussed the Bible reading from the previous Sunday worship – reading from several different transliterations – and talking about anything that we had noticed in particular. A short meditation ended each session.

We began meeting on Zoom, now we are meeting on Google Meets. We meet Tuesdays from 12 -1pm. Contact Joanne Gray, if you wish to be added to the listing.

Women On The Move

Submitted by Susan Sweet Lebeau & Jane Bleecker

We'd like to begin by thanking Marilyn Coward for her many years of devotion to the WOTM!!!

From the start she brought the ladies together once a month for bible study, for fellowship & for her jokes. Along with her sister Carol, she organized the yearly retreats to Joy Bible Camp. These retreats gave so much **JOY** to everyone attending – Blessings to you both.

With the ever changing restrictions both in our personal and congregational lives we have been unable to meet monthly as in the past. However, this has not stopped us from joining other activities at Grace like the Craft & Chat or making phone calls to those we can't meet with in person. We will always be here for each other to share the difficult times and the joyful times thru cards, outdoor visits and phone chats.

Keep positive, faithfully looking forward to the time we can all gather together again.

This quote sums up the strength and power shared amongst the amazing WOTM ladies:

“When the Winds of Change blow - some people build Walls & others build Windmills”

Worship 1 Music Ministry

Submitted by Bev Templar (on behalf of Tony Mason)

The W1 Band has had a challenging year due to the Covid-19 pandemic as all ministries and group have had. Little did we know that we would still be following the rules to keep us safe! Thanks to everyone who has helped to keep us safe at Grace.

During July and August of 2021, Bruno Merz was in charge of the band and provided wonderful leadership for which we are truly great thankful!

The band was unable to have rehearsals for several weeks and had to limit the number of singers we could put who could participate, which made it very difficult.

Thanks to Cecilia Simmons, Dawna Rhodenhizer, Trevor McLaughlin, Tony Mason, Andrew Smit, and Bev Templar for attempting to carry on as best they could.

Tony is currently on a leave of absence and he is deeply missed! We continue to keep him in our prayers and hope to see him back in the spring sometime.



Andrew Smit agreed to assume the band leadership in Tony's absence during the months of October, November, and December. From all our hearts, Andrew, thank you!! Please come back anytime!!

We hope to return to our more familiar singing and playing in 2022! We will celebrate like never before!

Worship Team

Submitted by Paula Pound

The Worship Team meets on the second Tuesday of each month (on ZOOM) to discuss and plan worship services. Following the common Lectionary and the United Church Calendar, we plan services, communion dates and special services with input from worship, music and technology members. We report to the Board of Management for final approval.

Sheila keeps us abreast of the Peterborough Health Guidelines and we plan accordingly. With so few allowed in the sanctuary, the choir and bands have had to adapt. Even having the worship leader read the scripture helped limit the number in the sanctuary. We have been unable to take up the offering but still give thanks for all that is given through PAR and other methods.

Rev. Sharon offered many services and special events on zoom (Maundy Thursday, St. Patrick's Day, Pancake supper).

Many of our meetings in 2021 had discussions about livestreaming and sound and ways to make the services better for those attending online throughout the pandemic.

A special thank you goes out to all who participated in the livestreaming of services. Without you all, we could not have remained ministering to those who were locked down.

Members from all aspects of worship service are included on the team: *Rev. Dr. Sharon Ballantyne, Jane Bleecker, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Celia Hunter, Shelby Lebeau, Sheila Montero, Tony Mason, Paula Pound, Susan Sweet Lebeau, Bev Templar, Paul Tessier. (Neil Lebeau, Kaitlyn Maloney, and Lochlyn Newton received emails to stay informed and connected.)*

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

GRACE UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION IS:

*a Christian community, part of an ever changing church, striving
to:*

- ❖ express our faith, hope and mission through worship, prayer, music, learning and service;
- ❖ provide a friendly and caring setting for individuals to seek spiritual enrichment, support and personal renewal;
- ❖ reach out to interact with and welcome members of the community;
- ❖ develop an awareness and sensitivity of world issues by showing loving concern for all God's creation.

