

Machias Community
Church



Annual Report 2021

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Annual Congregational Report - 2021

We are grateful for all of your questions, comments and feedback!

If you have questions on any of the reports or the proposed budget contained herein, please contact either of the following prior to the annual congregational meeting scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2022.

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Rather than approving the budget section-by-section, the budget will be approved in its entirety.

Thank you!

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Pastor's Report

"The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin..."

– Exodus 34:6-7a

Those words were written down by Moses 3500 years ago. They are as true today as when they were first written. My hope and prayer is that you are intimately familiar with this gracious, loving, and faithful God.

What makes these words really jump off the page is when you consider the setting when God introduced Himself this way. The Hebrew people had been released from 400 years of slavery (yay!) and were thrust into 40 years of desert wandering (oh no!). Yet, despite their circumstances - many of which were unpleasant at best - God showed Himself faithful.

You may not realize this, but this year (July 26 to be exact) marks 120 years of gospel ministry at Machias Community Church. On that date in 1902, 11 people signed their names to a document to organize themselves into a church. Here we are, 120 years later, marveling at God's faithfulness to us.

Similar to 2020, this past year has not always been easy. We have had to navigate through shifting guidelines, but we have learned to be flexible and creative. We have grieved the loss of loved ones and faced challenging trials, but we have found support and encouragement from one another. We have wondered "is it ever going to be normal again?" and also asked "what does this make possible?" In all of it, God has been faithful. He has nourished and sustained us. He has been with us. He has surrounded us, comforted us, and whispered "I'm still here" into our souls.

This document you are holding is part of the record of God's faithfulness to us in the past year. I hope you will take the time to read each report to get a glimpse of what God has done, and how He has shown His faithfulness to us. I pray that as you see God's faithfulness, it will provoke you to worship Him more fully, and rehearse His faithfulness to the people God has placed in your life.

Carl DeyArmin, Pastor

Associate Pastor's Report

“Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

– Joshua 1:7-9

For many years the verses above were my life's verses. I read them almost daily and they kept me going through a number of rough times. They communicate a strong reassurance of God's great love, presence, and sovereignty but also the need for a commitment on my part to keep the blessed truth of God's word always in my mind and heart. I can think of no time when these words have been more appropriate. In my report last year I stated that my hope was to return to a greater degree of normalcy, free from the restrictions and challenges of Covid 19. Unfortunately this did not happen. Once again we faced the difficulties of staying connected and unified. Added to this was the extended duration. Will this ever end? What will normal look like? Again I needed reassurance from God. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." And do you know what? He was with us, every step of the way. In the midst of these trials I witnessed an amazing amount of love and selfless sacrifice by so many in the body at Machias. God is so good and proves over and over again how he cares for His people through the storms! I am, however, ready for some calm for a change. We are back to worshipping together on Sundays and have returned to the blessings of the potluck! It feels so good and I am so thankful for the deeper bonding I know these will bring. Praise God! Now all of us can turn our attention towards realizing God's will for us in this upcoming year. Our mission never changes regardless of the circumstances. Everything we think, do, and say, should glorify God, lead us toward a greater knowledge and love for God, love for one another, and make disciples, that make disciples, that make disciples. This is my goal in 2022 for all of the areas which I am involved. Please pray for Carol and I as we endeavor to serve the body in love, grace and humility.

In Christ.

Tim Henle, Associate Pastor

Elder Board Chairman's Report

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." – 2 Timothy 3:14-15

Scripture tells us, "it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." For the last 40 years, Bob and Shirley Gillett have modeled faithful stewardship to us and for us.

Your family can probably tell many stories of God's goodness and faithfulness through their hands, feet and timely wisdom. Loving questions of how you are walking with the Lord or what He is teaching you are quickly followed with God's promises and reminders of His commands.

Bob Gillett is retiring from the Elder board and both he and Shirley are excited about what God has planned for them. As for us, we can confidently know that each one of our names will be spoken to the Lord in their fervent prayers.

As the Body of Christ at Machias, we each have different, yet critical functions as we grow together in love with each individual part sharing the work. We need each other.

We've recently returned to a single worship service and monthly potlucks (Woo-hoo)!

There continues to be many examples of loving and serving in and through MCC. Recently, I heard, "Young people want to see churches who believe what they say they believe." Let's challenge each other in all areas of our lives to be the "church" in our homes, workplaces and community.

The following men served as elders throughout 2021:

- Bob Gillett
- John Stuckey
- David Mezich
- Jacob LeGrand
- Tim Henle (Associate Pastor)
- Carl DeyArmin (Senior Pastor)

Bill Bronske, Elder Board Chairman

Deacon Chairman's Report

"May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary and give you support from Zion!"

– Psalm 2:1-2

The Deacons have been blessed by being able to pray for and help our church family even after another difficult year. Don't give into the lie, you are not alone, God is with you. Our church family is with you.

"...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

– Isaiah 4:31.

The Deacons meet/communicate once a month. We pray for each other and receive a prayer list of our church members to pray for during the month. We also discuss ways to help out our church family and any of their needs.

The serving Deacons of 2021 were:

- Ken Brekke
- Andy Essner
- Leon Downes
- Josh Bronske
- Allen Knobbs
- Ken Speer

The Deacons are to serve Christ, by praying for our church family, loving the people, helping with the needs of our church family, and being good stewards of God's generous giving.

Ken Brekke, Deacon Board Chairman

Deaconess' Board Report

The Deaconess Committee is appointed by the Elder Board and serves under the oversight of the Elder Board.

The ministry of the deaconess committee is to look after the physical and spiritual needs of the women here at Machias Community Church.

We are grateful to have many women of all ages at MCC who minister to the needs of other women in our church family. We praise God for what He is doing within this body of believers.

If anyone has needs or needs prayer, please be sure and contact any one on the deaconess committee.

Ephesians 6:18 "Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

The serving Deaconesses of 2021 were:

- Connie Picklesimer
- Shirley Gillett
- Fern Soderstrom
- DeeDee Armes
- Diane Waltrip

We thank the Lord for the privilege of serving at MCC and pray God's continued blessings on our church and church family.

Psalm 150:6 "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!"

Your servants in Christ,

Connie Picklesimer, Deaconess Committee Chairperson

Family Ministries Report

This year in Family Ministries we held two conferences by Paul Tripp, “Marriage of your Dreams” and “Parenting: It’s Not What You Think It Is.”

We also did an Easter Walk that featured a book called “Twas’ the Morning of Easter” by Glenys Nellist.

Each Sunday, children seven and under have been working through a curriculum by The Gospel Project. We have had multiple volunteers work with the children each week during Sunday service in the nursery and children’s church. We are so grateful for their dedication and the love they have shown the children of MCC.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in making the events and Sunday programming a possibility this year.

In Christ,
Samantha Mezich, Family Ministries Coordinator

Nomination Committee Report

Each year the Nomination Committee convenes to select, as necessary, those men who will serve on the Elder and Deacon boards for the coming year. After seeking the Lord's guidance, the purpose of the committee is to select men, Biblically qualified to support the role in which they are asked to serve. The Biblical requirements for both Elder and Deacon are outlined by the Apostle Paul in 1 Timothy, Chapter 3; 1-13.

“Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.

Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.”

- 1 Timothy 3:1-7

“In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Timothy 3:8-13

<u>Nominated to serve as elders in 2022:</u>	<u>Nominated to serve as deacons in 2022:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carl DeyArmin, Senior Pastor• Tim Henle, Associate Pastor• Bill Bronske, Elder Board Chairman• Jacob LeGrand• John Stuckey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ken Brekke, Deacon Chairman• Ken Speer• Allen Knobbs• Joshua Bronske• Andy Essner

In His service,
John Stuckey, Nominating Committee Chairman

Contenders' Discipleship Initiative Report

As many know, CDI is a two-year course that's designed to equip Christians for *ministry within their local church* and to prepare those who are called for full-time ministry as *missionary pastors*. A way of saying that CDI is for the growth of any believer, and if you haven't taken a course, I urge you to consider doing so this year.

This last year, we've had the pleasure of facilitating the Old Testament Survey in the spring, and Church History later in the fall. We enjoyed seeing new and returning faces who genuinely added to our discussions and the growth of us all. Knowing what you believe, and why you believe, leads to a deeper faith that God uses to enrich His church—equipping it for every good work.

In the summer, we started up a Q&A discussion group where anyone can participate and learn from the challenges we face with our own studies, and from objections or stumbling blocks of others. Pastor Tim, Ken, and I look forward to putting this back on the calendar likely between our seasonal CDI courses.

Please pray for continued participation with busy schedules, for continued MCC growth, and further invitations to other believers as we live our lives in a way pleasing to our Father. May He bless you and His church, near and far.

The final class in CDI rotation, "Evangelism, Teaching and Preaching" will begin February 17 and continue Monday and Thursday nights from 7-9pm.

The summer is usually a break, but we anticipate doing Q&A every Monday night at 7pm for anyone that's available.

We'll finish the year with a fresh reboot of, "Bibliology and How to Study the Bible" sometime in September. This the first and a critical class needed to be prepared for all other courses. Please encourage and reach out to those who have not taken this intro course, and anyone is welcome to refresh and partake again!

I look forward to witnessing what the Lord has planned for those able to join us.

May His Spirit lead us all further into His embrace.

In Christ,
Jacob LeGrand

Worship Ministry Report

Amidst a difficult last couple of years brought on by the pandemic, this year has seen our church body come back together. It has been an absolute joy to come together and praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with a unified church body.

I believe one of the newer songs introduced to the congregation describes better than I can what this year has been.

“Christ, come have mercy on us, come and mend what we separate. We are divided over things that are not Your heart. Spirit, come show us the way. Father, we come for forgiveness. We have surrendered to fears of our day. Turning brothers and sisters to enemies. Jesus, we need Your grace. O Hallelujah, Christ is with us, in Him we live, and move, and breathe. So with this breath inside our lungs now and forever we will sing.

Your love unites us, what can separate us from?”
-Unity Hymn, Mike Donehey

And in that last line lies absolute truth, the reality that we are all broken individuals in desperate need of a Savior, unified in the love and grace that Christ has provided to each and every one of us.

Thanks to Sarah Bronske, Elijah DeyArmin, Paul Choi, and Mae Higgins for faithfully serving. Special Thanks to Daniel Penney for continuing to support behind the scenes. And extra special thanks to Andy Essner who puts in more time serving than anyone else on the worship team. His ear and expertise with the technical side of things has been a major blessing.

“For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be the glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

- Ephesians 3:14-21

Josh Bronske, Worship Ministry Lead

Proposed 2022 Budget Report

<u>Salaries, Tithing, and Parsonage</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Projection</u>
SENIOR PASTOR - Carl DeyArmin			
SALARY (gross)	\$50,800	\$50,800	\$50,800
HOUSING ALLOWANCES (parsonage rent/utilities)*	\$22,500	\$21,698	\$22,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	\$14,000	\$12,600	\$14,500
LIFE INSURANCE	\$400	\$369	\$400
STATE INDUSTRIAL (L&I)	\$450	\$388	\$400
CELL PHONE	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440
RETIREMENT	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
SENIOR PASTOR TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$92,590	\$90,294	\$92,540
ASSOCIATE PASTOR - Tim Henle			
SALARY (gross)	\$36,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
STATE INDUSTRIAL (L&I)	\$450	\$388	\$400
PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
ASSOCIATE PASTOR TOTAL COMPENSATION	\$39,450	\$36,388	\$36,400
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - Caila LeGrand			
SALARY (gross)	\$13,800	\$13,792	\$13,800
STATE INDUSTRIAL (L&I)	\$450	\$388	\$400
SECRETARY TOTAL	\$14,250	\$14,180	\$14,200
FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR			
SALARY (gross)	\$6,500	\$6,497	\$0
STATE INDUSTRIAL (L&I)	\$450	\$388	\$0
FAMILY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR TOTAL	\$6,950	\$6,885	\$0
CUSTODIAN SERVICES - Sandy Missel			
SALARY (gross)	\$9,000	\$8,854	\$9,000
STATE INDUSTRIAL (L&I)	\$450	\$388	\$400
CUSTODIAN TOTAL	\$9,450	\$9,241	\$9,400
FICA & MEDICARE			
FICA & MEDICARE	\$5,000	\$9,832	\$8,400
TITHING			
TITHING (10% of general fund)	\$20,500	\$20,830	\$21,000
* Pastoral compensation includes parsonage rental (assumed) value and expenses.			
PARSONAGE			
RENT (assumed, not actual expense)*	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
MTCE & REPAIRS	\$6,000	\$3,377	\$1,000
UTILITIES*	\$4,500	\$3,698	\$4,000
PARSONAGE TOTAL	\$28,500	\$25,075	\$23,000

<u>Church, Programs and Supplies</u>	2021	2021	2022
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projection</i>
CHURCH			
COPIER	\$3,800	\$3,451	\$3,800
ELECTRICITY	\$3,000	\$4,077	\$3,000
EQUIPMENT	\$1,500	\$1,457	\$1,500
AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND FEES	\$8,000	\$5,284	\$5,000
FEES (inspections, state taxes, etc)	\$3,500	\$2,657	\$3,200
GARBAGE	\$1,800	\$1,725	\$1,800
GAS	\$2,000	\$1,506	\$1,750
INSURANCE	\$8,000	\$9,412	\$9,500
MTCE-REPAIRS-SUPPLIES	\$18,000	\$25,593	\$11,000
TELEPHONE	\$1,800	\$2,001	\$1,950
WATER	\$1,200	\$2,401	\$1,300
OLD CHAPEL/BETHELL HALL UTILITIES	\$500	\$639	\$600
ADVERTISING/WEB HOSTING (Tithely, Canva, Zoom, Google Workspace)	\$3,000	\$2,350	\$2,500
CHURCH TOTAL	\$56,100	\$62,553	\$46,900
PROGRAMS & SUPPLIES			
FAMILY MINISTRIES	\$6,500	\$3,552	\$3,500
CONTENDERS SCHOOL	\$600	\$541	\$600
DECORATIONS	\$200	\$0	\$200
KITCHEN SUPPLIES	\$1,800	\$530	\$1,500
MISSIONARY GIFTS/CHRISTMAS	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$1,000	\$1,825	\$1,500
COMMUNITY OUTREACH	\$3,000	\$827	\$1,000
GOSPEL COMMUNITIES / LEADER TRAINING	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000
PROGRAM AND SUPPLIES TOTAL	\$23,600	\$15,775	\$9,300

Summaries and Total (*Parsonage rent value removed)

	2021	2021	2022
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Projection</i>
SUMMARIES			
STAFF AND TITHING (- rent/utilities)	\$165,690	\$165,950	\$159,940
PARSONAGE AND CHURCH (- rent)	\$66,600	\$69,628	\$51,900
PROGRAMS AND SUPPLIES	\$23,600	\$15,775	\$9,300
GRAND TOTAL	\$255,890	\$251,354	\$221,140
Estimated giving, 2022 (projection)			\$210,000
Expenses as shown			\$221,140
			-\$11,140
Current balance, General Fund (2/12/2022)			\$51,678