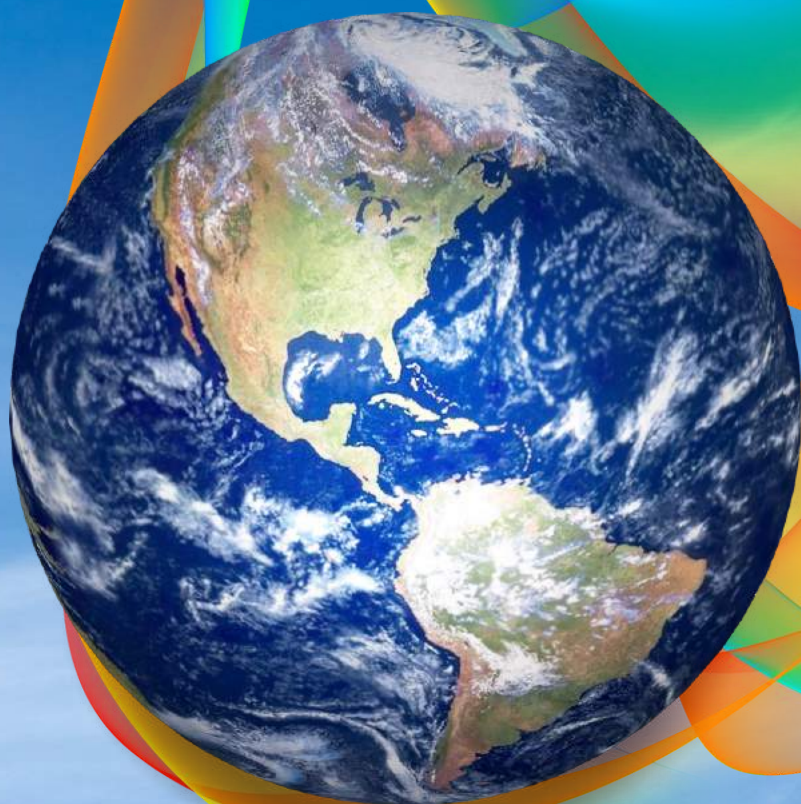


Okotoks United Church

Annual Report 2021



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Mission

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

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Land Acknowledgement

Okotoks United Church acknowledges the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy, comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations, the Tsuut'ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). Moh'kins'tsis, named by the Blackfoot, meaning "Where the Bow River meets the Elbow" is home to many Indigenous, Metis and Inuit people.

Diverse and Inclusive

Everyone is welcome to our services including people of all colour, race, ability, sexual orientation, religion, education, socio-economic status, or gender. OUC is currently engaged in the Affirming Ministry Process.

Message from the Ministers

"We continue to shout our praise, even when we're hemmed in with hardships, because we know how hardships can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience, in turn, can build character, and how, from that character, can come hope: hopeful, open-eyed alertness for whatever God will do next."
-Romans 5:3-4

When we think about this past year, two things come to mind. We began the year with the fervent promise of vaccines—vaccines that would hopefully bring an end to a difficult pandemic—only to be thrust once more into a holding pattern as the year wore on.

At the same time, in the Church at least, we carried on as before, even while knowing we would need to adapt and plan for something new. And in August, we did, indeed, start something new: a unique and exciting partnership between our three communities of faith.

Staying the course while also embracing change is the nature of our faith. We do our best to remain engaged and committed, all the while aware that life throws things at us that we can't possibly anticipate. Yet, we trust that God will be with us to see us through these circumstances. We try to stay open to where the Spirit might be leading us. And we remain hopeful, with "open-eyed alertness for whatever God will do next."

We might be tempted to say that we don't have much to report this year, yet our Communities of Faith remained active, engaged and prepared. Between the three churches we continued to worship together on-line and then in-person. We made lunches that fed dozens of children, served up Turkey suppers, made pies, delivered little parcels to those who were isolated or lonely, studied scripture, offered warm jackets and winter gear, offered forums for conversation and learning, provided services and solace to those who suffered loss and grief, raised funds, and went on with the work of the church as faithfully as we could. We did our best to reflect God's light to the world.

Much of the year we found ourselves deeply grateful: for our new partnership; for the leadership in each congregation; for the support offered and received; for the small touches of grace encountered in the eyes of friends and strangers; for the health and well-being of many in our congregations; and most of all, for community.

Thank you for being the faithful, beautiful People of God that you are.

With love,
Julia and Matthew



4 Message from the Board Chair

I'm sure we all thought that by now we would be "back to normal". As you know that hasn't happened and in fact, we're not sure what "normal" is anymore. In 2021, we continued to face each COVID road bump, developing closing and re-opening policies and protocols to allow our ministries to operate in the safest way possible. We pivoted, adapted, planned and replanned as have all of you. And in the midst of the uncertainty of COVID, we have actually had a good year of exploring opportunities and meeting challenges.

On the challenges front, we continued to negotiate with the Town of Okotoks regarding a shared parking lot with the new River Tract Development. In the end, we determined that it was not in our best interests to enter into that agreement. We continue to look for other ways to partner with our larger community. One of those ways was to install a new and improved audio-visual system this Fall. We are working to partner with musical groups and individuals to develop a welcoming and high-quality performance space. We will be looking to market this space more widely in 2022.

On the financial side of things, we noted a decline in income due to lower in-person attendance, fewer fundraisers and less rental income. This deficit was eased by the government subsidies we received, but that program has ended. Expenses, especially for the building - maintenance, insurance and utilities - are all increasing each year and we will need the income to cover these expenses to keep our building in a condition that will make it attractive to renters in our community. The Board is reviewing the 2022 Budget to see where efficiencies can be found.



As well, three members of the Board and Rev. Julia, attended a four-session stewardship course to learn best practices for ensuring that we can fulfill our call to be the church in our community.

Outreach to our community continued including one new initiative: The Affordable Housing Fund was added to Fund 2, providing a way for people to access affordable housing through the granting of funds for such things as the building of secondary suites.

The biggest change we all saw this year was, of course, our new partnership with The United Church in the Valley. Rev. Julia and Rev. Matthew continue to work out the logistics of this new arrangement and we, in turn, have been blessed with two amazing preachers and a growing relationship with the members of the United Church in Turner Valley. The Chairs of the three boards met recently with the Ministry and Personnel Chairs and Rev. Julia and Rev. Matthew for our first review of the new arrangement. We identified where things are going well - communication and enthusiasm for the new arrangement - and what we can do to streamline and support areas where the work could be rebalanced or reduced through more volunteer involvement.

Overall, it has been a fulfilling year, in large part because we have a Board that can debate, consider and make decisions in a spirit of collaboration and concern for our church. The differences in opinions and experiences are our strength. I am so thankful for every Board member, for our staff and for every volunteer who loves this church and shows it with willing hands and hearts.

We can take encouragement from the fact that we are still here, serving each other and our community, learning to love better and live more wisely. We have much to be thankful for and much to be hopeful for in 2022. Thank you for hanging in there with us.

Karen Pryznik

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JANUARY 2021

"Abundance is not dependent on our circumstances but on the state of our heart and mind. Too much of anything is not abundance. In order to live abundantly we might have to give things up. What we think of as abundance is probably nothing like what Jesus had in mind."

Sermon: Jan. 10 - Following Jesus' Voice by Rev. Julia Kimmett

FEBRUARY 2021

Feb. 17: **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, was marked by an opportunity to visit the chapel, apply a temporary ash tattoo and reflect on the season.

Feb. 20: Members of the church took part in the "**Coldest Night of the Year**" walk. Proceeds from the walk helped the Okotoks Food Bank and Baby It's Cold Outside.

L-R: Carol Price, Karen and Grant Pryznyk



Cases of Coronavirus

Cumulative Total

Globally - Jan. 1 - 84,407,031

Canada - Jan. 2 - 596,373

Alberta - Jan. 2 - 103,278

Daily Total

Okotoks - Jan. 4 - 57

Data from the World Health Organization and Town of Okotoks websites

Feb. 21: OUC held its **Annual General Meeting** by Zoom see pg. 20-22 for details).

Feb. 24: People 75+ are eligible to be vaccinated. The church offers to help register those who need it.

Feb. 26: Health Canada approves the AstraZeneca vaccine.



Feb: "The Bible Study Bunch"

Top L-R: Karen Pryznyk, Rev. Julia Kimmett, Amy Mounkes, Sandra Farr-Jones

2nd Row L-R: Janet Page, Elinor Melnyk, Lee Patterson, Marie Wedderburn

3rd Row L-R: Sally Salter, Ev Stange, Anne Lamb, Mary-Ann Reynolds

Bottom: Ev Patterson

"Ultimately, where Jesus came from didn't define who he was. He rose above people's opinions of him to pursue and teach the truth, to bring healing and restoration to the world. To proclaim the good news that the kingdom of God was all around us."

Sermon: Feb. 21 - Where do you come from by Rev. Julia Kimmett

2021 Year in Review

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MARCH 2021

Mar. 5: World Prayer Day

Mar. 6: Kids Ministry resumed April 11 after a short break.

Mar. 11: This day marks the 1 year anniversary since the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 pandemic which is still ongoing.

Mar. 14: PIE Day.= Public. Intentional. Explicit. Those are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we seek to be Affirming, Welcoming, or Inclusive people and communities. There was a Surprise Pie Sale the week after to celebrate PIE day. Each pie cost \$15 and the money raised went to the Affirming Ministry fund.

Mar. 8: International Women's Day - #ChooseToChallenge
Given that we are unable to meet and celebrate at the Church, we let people know that there were many online events taking place across Canada that could be found by doing a Google search for International Women's Day.

Mar.: Long and McQuade began to install new AV equipment this month, but the work would not be completed until Nov.

*Beloved Is Where We
Begin*

*If you would enter
into the wilderness,
do not begin
without a blessing.*

*Do not leave
without hearing
who you are:*

*Beloved,
named by the One
who has traveled this
path
before you.*

*Do not go
without letting it echo
in your ears,
and if you find
it is hard
to let it into your
heart,
do not despair.*

*That is what
this journey is for.*

*I cannot promise
this blessing will free
you
from danger,
from fear,
from hunger
or thirst,
from the scorching
of sun
or the fall
of the night.*

*But I can tell you
that on this path
there will be help.*

*I can tell you
that on this way
there will be rest.*

*I can tell you
that you will know
the strange
graces*

*that come to our
aid*

*only on a road
such as this,*

*that fly to meet us
bearing comfort
and strength,*

*that come
alongside us*

*for no other cause
than to lean*

*themselves
toward our ear*

*and with their
curious insistence*

whisper our name:

Beloved.

Beloved.

Beloved.

—Jan Richardson
from Circle of
Grace

Sermon: Mar. 7 - Beloved by Karen Pryznyk

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APRIL 2021

Apr. 1: We celebrated Maundy Thursday with a **Seder Dinner**. A Seder meal is a Jewish tradition that was set out in the book of Exodus as a means of remembering the original Passover when the Hebrews were finally freed from the clutches of Pharaoh. A Christian Seder takes the same basic preparation and elements of this Jewish meal and ritual, modifying some parts. It is celebrated on Holy Thursday as the Last Supper celebrated by Jesus and his disciples was almost certainly a Seder meal. This year we gathered in our own homes meeting via Zoom, reciting the story of Israel's redemption from bondage in Egypt.

Apr. 2: This year we did not have a **Good Friday** service. Instead, community members were invited to come to the church for a time of reading, reflection and prayer. People were invited to lay their struggles at the base of the cross.

Apr. 4: **Easter at the Big Rock** was held virtually.



Big Rock Apr. 4 Sunrise service
L-R: Rev. M. Heesing and Rev. J. Kimmett

Cases of Coronavirus

Cumulative Total

Globally - Apr. 2 - 130,566,186

Canada - Apr. 1 - 994,745

Alberta - Apr. 3 - 150,307

Daily Total

Okotoks - Apr. 1 - 67

Data from the World Health Organization and Town of Okotoks websites

Apr. 6: The Government of Alberta declared a **"Day of Multi-Faith Prayer and Reflection"**. This day acknowledged the importance of faith and faith-based communities for Albertans, especially in responding to the difficulties of the COVID-19 pandemic. In these challenging times, connection to faith and community has played an integral role in cultivating hope and building strong, connected communities. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been uplifting to see how faith-based organizations continue to play an essential role in maintaining social connection, supporting mental health, and building resiliency among their communities.

Apr. 8: Members of the church demonstrated outside the Foothills MP John Barlow's office in High River in support of the **National Vigil Guaranteed Livable Income** for all Canadians.

Apr. 11: **Holy Humor Sunday**

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May 2021

Mackenzie Misura accepted the **summer student** position, funded by the Government of Canada. In her younger days Mackenzie was part of the congregation and returned as a summer student while she was between semesters at the University of Alberta. She worked in the office with Diane and Julia, as well as doing some odd projects around the church!

May 10: The Town agreed to sell 3.3 acres of land in the D'Arcy Ranch neighbourhood to Westwinds Communitiies and the Brenda Strafford Society. The land is earmarked for an **affordable housing** development with rental units and transitional, second-stage housing for women and families fleeing abuse.

May 27: The Tkemlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops Indian Band) announced that ground penetrating radar had located the bodies of **215 children in unmarked graves**.

Next week is mental health week (May 3-9). Over the past year more Canadians have reported a deterioration of their mental health due to isolation, loneliness, and from living in this state of limbo with no certainty of the future. In these times we have to draw on the resources we have and find new tools and activities that give us some sense of purpose and resiliency and resolve. Research shows that recovery from a natural disaster can take up to 5 years.

*Sermon: May 2 -Don't waste this time
by Rev. Julia Kimmett*

Travel restrictions with Covid-19 again prohibited our **Mission Possible DR team** from travelling to the Dominican Republic. However, we continued to support the T.E.A.R.S. charity through donations to the church, school and programs in the community. One special project that OUC funded in 2021 was the installation of the lights for the soccer field. In previous years we fundraised to help build up the land and grass to create the soccer field for the youth of the barrio. This will allow the soccer program to have practices and games past 6 pm when the sun sets. T.E.A.R.S. now has the only soccer facility in the surrounding area with lighting thus allowing not only the expansion of their program but the entire city of La Vega.



New soccer field at TEARS Centre in the Dominican

Consistent with our church's ongoing concern over the lack of **affordable housing** in Okotoks our Board has set up a stand-alone Affordable Housing Fund so we can continue to play a role in addressing this crisis. Members, adherents, and friends of Okotoks United can contribute to the fund and members, adherents, and friends of the church can access the fund to help create affordable housing in our town. The Fund is in its early stages of development but to date, thanks to the generosity of our church family, close to \$3,000 has been donated.

Dean Salter

Residential Schools

Until 1969, The United Church of Canada was involved with Canada's "Indian Residential School" system, which resulted in a painful legacy for many Aboriginal people and their communities.

During the 19th and early 20th century, federal policies were undergirded by a conviction that First Peoples needed to be assimilated into Western European culture. Children were removed from their families and communities to attend residential schools. By discouraging First Nations' languages and cultural practices the schools played an important role in carrying out this policy of assimilation. There were day schools in some communities, but due to isolation and seasonal movements of First Peoples, it was often deemed more suitable to establish large residential schools in permanent settlements.

During the 19th century, both the Methodist and Presbyterian churches were highly committed to universal public education (for example, noted Canadian educator Egerton Ryerson was a Methodist minister). At the same time, there was little corporate understanding of the importance of cultural sensitivity in both education and gospel proclamation. Thus a mission goal of providing education and proclaiming the gospel was not tempered by respect for the existing culture, values and spirituality of First Nations.

With rare exceptions, the national policy of assimilation was not questioned by the churches. This uncritical approach to mission enabled the church to become an agent of government in promoting the schools. Between 1849 and 1925, the Methodists and Presbyterians operated a number of schools. In 1925, at the time of church union, the United Church assumed the responsibility for 12 schools of which the last one closed in 1969. The United Church also operated two residences (Kitimaat and Teulon) where children from out of the community attended day schools. In total, the Roman Catholic, Anglican Presbyterian and United churches operated some 130 Indian Residential Schools.

The United Church was involved in the following Indian Residential Schools: In British Columbia - Ahousaht, Alberni, Port Simpson, Coqualeetza; **in Alberta** - Edmonton and Morley; in Saskatchewan - Round Lake and File Hills; in Manitoba - Norway House, Brandon and Portage la Prairie; and in Ontario - Mount Elgin (Muncey). Of approximately 80,000 students alive today, about 10 percent attended United-Church run schools.



Morley Residential School pictured in 1972. The school was closed in 1969, photo from: Indian Residential School History & Dialogue Centre - Collections UBC

Residential Schools con't

¹⁰ As the school system evolved, it was the federal government that set the standards and provided the funding (often inadequate) for the schools, and legally required children to attend. The church was involved in suggesting to the government potential principals for the schools and also hiring other staff. The name of The United Church of Canada was integral to the identity of the schools and, aside from a few voices rarely heard by those in power, gave unquestioned assent to the policy of assimilation that informed the school system.

"We now realize that the offering of the churches and of countless faithful and caring servants of the churches, through their participation in the residential school system has tragically resulted in pain and suffering and injustice for many...." Repentance Statement of the 36th General Council, 1997

In spite of the harm done by this system, some students speak positively of acquiring an education that allowed them to move forward in the "White man's world," to gain cross-cultural skills, and to provide leadership to their people in transition.

In the past 20 years, the United Church has begun a directed, prayerful, and concerted effort to become more informed and responsive to the harmful affects of the residential schools on First Nations peoples and cultures. In 1998, the church offered a formal apology to former students, their families and communities. In an amazing sign of God's grace among us, it has been the outstretched hands of many Aboriginal people that has offered an invitation to healing. The journey toward reconciliation requires a long-term commitment. Initial steps have included the church's Healing Fund, its participation in the claims settlement processes, advocacy for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, collaboration in the historic Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, archival research and increased resources for reconciliation and right relations work.

-taken from: Remembering the Children
Feb. 12, 2008



Students of the Morley Residential School
photo from: Indian Residential School History &
Dialogue Centre-Collections - UBC

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JUNE 2021

Jun. 6: Harry Morton passed away at the age of 89.

Jun. 4: "The Board of Okotoks United Church announced that it decided to evaluate the model the church used for Kids and Youth Ministry. Candice Sutton's, Kid's and Youth Ministry Leader, contract was cancelled. The board thanked Candice for her many years of dedication to the Kids ministry, the hours she spent rehearsing and directing her signature Christmas plays and the many loving relationships she developed with the kids. Thank you so much, Candice! "

Candice was contracted in 2015. Through this work she discovered a love for children that led her to return to St. Mary's University to become a teacher. Over the years she provided countless children's talks, Sunday morning lessons, games and crafts (working with congregants to add variety and help to build relationships between them and the children). She also directed many Christmas pageants and Palm Sunday plays, youth group activities such as mini golf, bubble soccer, ghost tours, Halloween parties and so much more. Candice also became a member of OUC and sat on the church board.

Jun.: Rev. Julia was available for Visits with the Vicar on the Veranda on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m. These physically distanced visits were intended for anyone needing a little time to get out, catch up or just share what's was on their heart and mind and included a time for prayer.

Jun. 27: The Northern Spirit Regional Celebration of Ministries Service was held at First United Church, Fort Saskatchewan, where Matthew Heesing was ordained.



Jun.: To date we know of 1323 unmarked Graves: Kamloops. Brandon. Cowesses First Nation. 1323 lives that were not acknowledged with their names.

Jun. 30: A heat dome affected much of Western North America from late June to mid-July resulting in catastrophic wildfires. The entire town of Lytton BC burned to the ground just days after reaching the hottest temperature ever recorded in Canada 49.6 C.

Jun. 30: A pride crosswalk was painted in front of the Elks Hall on Elizabeth Street. Members of the Affirming Ministry, Janet Page and Stewart Thomas, were in attendance.



"Periods of transition are opportunities to prepare us for something unexpected and new. They allow us to think through what is coming and get our heads and hearts in the right place to welcome what is ahead."

"In the space between chaos and space there was another chance." by Jeanette Winterson

Sermon: Jun. 11 - Grumbling or Grace by Rev. Julia Kimmitt

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JULY 2021

Okotoks will gather on Zoom at 10:30 am on Sundays for worship and a sermon delivered by a variety of guests.

AUGUST 2021

Aug. 1: **Okotoks-De Winton and Diamond Valley Pastoral Charges entered into a memorandum of understanding** to create a new partnership sharing the ministry of Rev. Julia Kimmett and Rev. Matthew Heesing. Coordination responsibilities were divided as follows:

Matthew: Worship Spiritual Formation/Christian Education, First Third of Life (Children, Youth, Young Adults, Families, formerly referred to as Kids and Youth Ministry.

Julia: Congregational/Pastoral Care, Social Justice and Stewardship.

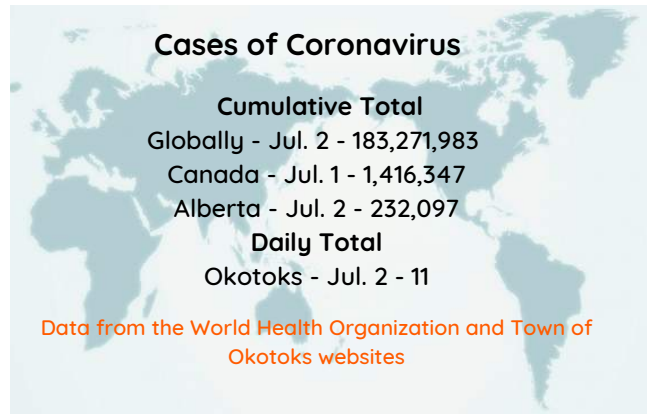
Aug. 19: John Bowerman passed away.

Aug.: "68 Christian churches in Canada have been vandalized, burned down or desecrated since the announcement of the apparent discovery of graves found near a residential school in Kamloops, BC." (True North website Aug. 21, 2021)

Aug.: A 6-week sermon series along with a booklet entitled, **Coming Home**, was offered from Aug. 8-Sept. 12.

Holding onto idols that do not serve us seems to be a human habit. We attach ourselves to things and ideas continue to burden us with baggage that do not benefit us in a changing world.

Sermon: Aug. 8-Sept. 12 - Coming Home



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sept. 3: The UCC made a special appeal for relief in Haiti which was struck by a severe earth quake on Aug. 14.

Sept. 13: Susan Draper dies.

Sept. 5: **In-person worship** resumed with Covid-19 protocols in place.

A number of changes were implemented including: children's bulletins, the quiet room in the nursery and plans for a Christmas pageant the third Sunday in Advent.

Sept. 16: **Bible study** was initially offered in-person but by Sept. 17 the study moved to a Zoom format due to new Government restrictions. The theme was "Wisdom Literature."

Sept. 19: The sermon theme was **"Standing in the Gap".**

Love is our guiding principle. Always. This means that we will love even when we don't much like what someone is doing, or thinking, or saying. It means that we will show respect when we aren't feeling respected. That we will open our hearts even while we know they could, and probably will, be wounded.

Sermon: Sept. 19-Aug. 10 - Standing in the Gap

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OCTOBER 2021

Oct. : The **Connections newsletter** produced weekly by Office and Facilities Administrator switched to twice/month.

Oct. : **Mid-week worship** started being offered on Wed. mornings.

Oct. 1: **Youth group**, for grade 6 and up, resumed from 6-8 pm on the first Friday of the month led by Rev. Matthew and his spouse, Marlee.

Oct. 3: Was a warm 20 C day that laid the way for our **2nd Turkey-to-go Supper**. We sold 230 hot take-out turkey dinners and raised \$3,106.83 after expenses. About 40 volunteers cooked veggies, carved turkeys, baked pies and buns, dished out the meals, bagged the meals for pick up and cleaned up. We were done in record time.

Oct. 5: Plans for, "**Faith Alive In the Home**", were cancelled.

Oct. 5: A **Social Justice group** met once to explore how congregants could address social justice issues.

Oct 16: **Mz behavin' and The Big Rock Men + 1** raised \$302.75 for Okotoks Food Bank . The concert was held outdoors in the East parking lot at Okotoks United Church.

Oct. 19: **Jacket Racket** was offered 6 times between Oct. 19 & Nov. 6 to anyone looking for winter attire. 137 people took items for 221 family and friends. The total number served may be more as two women collected for 2 teachers in need for their classroom. Nineteen volunteers helped to run this event. Excess items were distributed to various organizations.

NOVEMBER 2021

Nov. 5: Karen Pryznyk offered to help congregants who needed a **Covid-19 Vaccination Record** which required the use of the internet.

Nov. 10: Members of the **Affirming Ministry** met with Pam Rocker, to produce a video on becoming an Affirming Ministry process for other congregations.

Nov. 7: Sophia Su joined Okotoks United Church team as our **Accompanist**.

Nov. 20: "Extreme rain swamped rivers and farmland across southern B.C. and triggered mudslides that blocked every major highway connecting the Lower Mainland to the rest of the country."
(source: Newsinteractives.cbc.ca)

Nov. 24 - **Omicron** was first reported to the World Health Organization from South Africa. On Nov. 26 the World Health Organization named **Omicron** and declared it a variant of concern. (source: Wikipedia website)

Nov. 28 - Dec. 24: The Advent worship theme was, **Waiting for God (ot)** which was based on a play where two fellows are waiting for a guy named Godot. This series addressed questions such as, How do we live when life is in a holding pattern? Where can we find hope?

Nov. 29: **Omicron** comes to Canada making this the 4th wave of Covid-19. The good news is that a third "booster" vaccine shot is considered capable of providing significant protection against Omicron.

2021 Photo Album

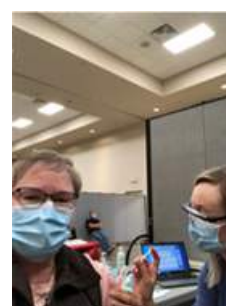
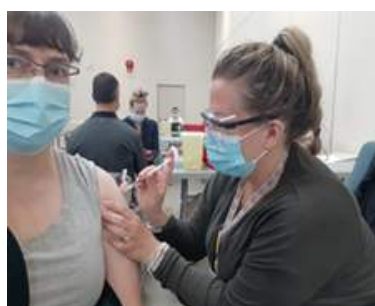
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Oct. - Nov.: Jacket Racket .



Kim Nadon, Jacket Racket



L-R: Audra Brown and
Rev. Julia get
vaccinated for Covid-
19



Oct: Youth group

Nov.: NEW Accompanist
Sophia Su



Jun. to mid-Jul.: Drought, heat
wreak havoc on Western crops
Photo by Tim Glass:
Food Business News July 16



Oct. 16: Mz Behavin and the
Big Rock Men +1

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DECEMBER 2021

Dec. 1: The Federal Government voted unanimously to ban **conversion therapy**, the practice of attempting to change a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Dec. 4: An **End of Life workshop** was offered to congregants.

Dec. 17: **Sing we now of Christmas** was cancelled due to the cold weather. This was planned to be a Christmas caroling event to help bring cheer to those who were feeling isolated and discouraged by the ongoing pandemic.

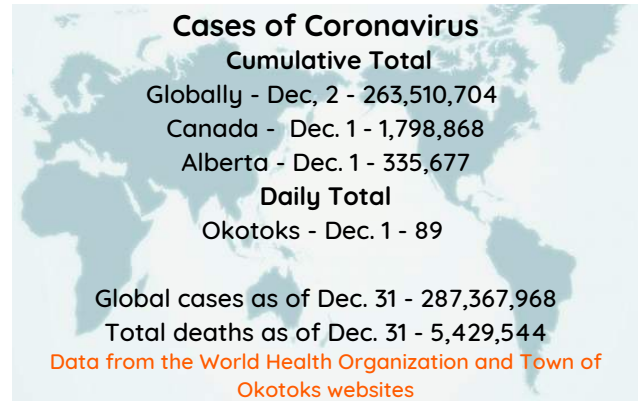
Lunch Bunch: The Okotoks United Church lunch program continued to grow in 2021.

In addition to the lunches made on school days, weekend bags of groceries were provided to some students. Easter, summer vacation and Christmas, gift cards were provided.

With the strong financial support of the community and through a dedicated group of volunteers, we provided the equivalent of 15,000 lunches this year.

God bless all those who provide support to this Ministry.

Gratefully, Shannon and Brian Olson



The **Healing Ministry** continued during the year of 2021 through distance healing, prayers by request and Zoom Meetings. One part of our Zoom Meeting included a "check in" to see how we were doing on a physical, mental and spiritual level. The second part included a technique for self care. I hope and pray that the circumstances we are in will serve to awaken compassion.

In love and light, Gisela Dyck

Board of Trustees: This year Ursula Hoppenheit resigned from the board and we added two new trustees; Michael Scappaticci and Desiree Hart. The Trustees (along with representatives of the Church Governing Board) were involved in discussions/negotiations with the Town of Okotoks in regard to a shared parking lot policy for the east parking lot of the Church. Discussions with the Town did not create an agreement that benefitted the Church and the committee recommended that our Governing Board not enter into any formal agreement at this time.

Faithfully, Gary Dzurka

Dec. 24: **Christmas Eve**, Rev.s Julia and Matthew led in-person services at 4 & 9:30 pm and Zoom service at 7 pm. All three services were the same.

16 Ministry & Personnel

M & P Committee



Sally Salter
Chairperson



Melanie Toews



Jack Parsons



Wayne Stordahl
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 2021 arrived with COVID-19 still very much present, we collectively sighed and kept on doing what we are called to do.....keeping our community connected, cared for and available. The passion and dedication of each person engaged in this work is inspiring and an example of who we are as a faith community.

2021 in review:

For most of the year Committee members were Sally Salter, Jack Parsons, Melanie Toews and Wayne Stordahl. Melanie retired in November 2021 after serving since 2017. Thanks so much to Melanie for her time and support.

All of the Committee's work was done through a combination of Zoom, phone and email.

At yearend we had 3 permanent staff members & 9 contracts for the two churches combined.

January - the De Winton Custodial and Maintenance Contracts were signed

February - the Okotoks non-worship related contracts were renewed; the worship-related contracts were suspended until our return to worship

June - The Kids and Youth Ministry Contract ended in June. We said good-bye to Candice Sutton after 7 years of shepherding our children and youth through lessons, activity nights and a wonderful array of pageants. A huge thank you to Candice for her dedication to our 'kids'.

June through August - MacKenzie Misura was hired on a Canada Summer Student Grant to complete some administration and technology projects.

August - we welcomed Rev. Matthew Heesing as he and Rev. Julia Kimmett lead us on an exciting journey into shared/collaborative ministry. With this ministry, Okotoks De Winton Pastoral Charge and Diamond Valley Pastoral Charge (Turner Valley) will share the time and talents of both Matthew and Julia.

November - we contracted with Sophia Su to be the Accompanist at Okotoks United Church

November/December - staff performance reviews were completed

General

- We continue to support staff and contractors via face-to-face meetings, phone calls and emails.
- We continued to provide assistance to the Boards in assessing and calculating the various Government of Canada COVID-19 financial assistance programs available to us.
- We provided support and assistance to the Boards in their discussion of a collaborative ministry with Diamond Valley. Once the Collaborative Ministry was approved by all 3 congregations, we provided some implementation support.

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



Rev. Matthew Heesing
Minister



Diane Willis
Office Facilities Administrator

Contractors



Candice Sutton
Kids & Youth Ministry Leader
to June



Pat Reader-Downy
Choir Director



Sophia Su
Accompanist
from Nov.



Audra Brown
Bookkeeper



Toni Ferris
Custodian



Sally Salter
Congregational Care



Mackenzie Misura
Summer student
June-August



Keith Bayley
AV Technician



Betty-Lou Bayley
AV Technician
from Sept 2021

St. Andrew's De Winton



Brent Ellenton
Maintenance



Toni Ferris
Custodian



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.

2021 was the third year of the Regional Council structure. With the continuation of COVID-19, The Regional Council staff continued to work 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 they 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 3rd annual Regional Council General Meeting was held virtually via ZOOM on May 7th to 9th. The theme was Seeding Hope. We heard inspiring speakers, dealt with the business of the Region, experienced inspiring worship and heard about the Region’s plans for the future.

Our United Church creed states ‘We are not alone, we live in God’s world.’ Being part of the Chinook Winds Region is a tangible reminder of how true this is. We are not alone, we belong to this much larger, very capable group of people assisting our communities of faith during this unique time.

Carol Price and Sally Salter



Sally Salter



Carol Price

AGM Agenda

March 6, 2022 1 pm via Zoom

Opening prayer - Rev. Julia Kimmett

Opening remarks - Welcome by Karen Pryznyk

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 AGM of Feb 21, 2021

6. Three Church Partnership Review/Q & A

7. Approval of 2021 Annual Report

8. Presentation of 2021 Financials

a. Motion to Approve 2021 Financials

9. Presentation of the 2022 Budget

a. Motion to approve the 2022 Budget

10. Board Report

11. Election of Board members

12. Election of Trustees

13. Election of Chinook Winds Regional Representatives

14. Election of Committee Members

a. Ministry and Personnel

b. Nominating Committee

15. New Business

a. Change to Okotoks United Church Bylaw 1.2.2 (As per the UCC Manual 2022 - B.7.3.2 Term of Office - The congregation or pastoral charge is responsible for setting the term of office for the elected members of the governing body.)

i. Current:

Term of Office

A Board member (including the Chair) shall be elected for a three-year term. A Board member shall serve no longer than two consecutive terms in any capacity and then must vacate the Board for at least one year.

ii. Proposed:

Term of Office

A Board member (including the Chair) shall be elected for a three-year term. A Board member may serve unlimited consecutive three-year terms.

16. Benediction - Rev. Matthew Heesing

17. Motion to Adjourn

AGM Zoom Minutes

Feb. 21, 2021

Present: Attendance list on file. There were 51 persons in attendance consisting of 46 members, 4 adherents, and 1 staff member.

Prior to the AGM, Candice Sutton updated everyone on the activities of the Kids and Youth Ministry with a Power Point presentation. Karen Pryznyk thanked Candice for her work with the youth and asked Candice to relay to the kids that we miss them and appreciate all they have done to stay connected during COVID-19.

Opening:

·Karen Pryznyk opened the meeting at 11:25 pm, welcoming the participants, explaining the Zoom technology and how to use it to participate in the meeting. It was agreed that voting would be done by asking only for those opposed or wishing to abstain in order to simplify keeping track of the voting on multiple Zoom screens. Ian McNeill acted as “scrutineer”. Some people indicated that they would vote and participate via the Zoom Chat function. The meeting was recorded with the permission of all present.

·Rev. Julia Kimmett led us in an **opening prayer**.

1. Election of Secretary:

Moved Bill Calder; seconded Pat Reader – Downey: That Carol Price be elected as Secretary. Approved unanimously.

2.Election of Chairperson:

Moved Ian McNeill; seconded Heather Howarth: That Karen Pryznyk be elected as Chairperson. Approved unanimously.

3.Motion by Members for Adherents to vote:


Moved Betty – Lou Bayley; seconded Steve Hayward: That adherents be permitted to vote on all matters pertaining to the work of Okotoks United Church. Approved unanimously.

4.Approval of the Agenda:

Moved Karen Jones; seconded Sally Salter: That the agenda, with the amendment to place the New Business Item regarding the Three Church Partnership prior to Presentation of the 2021 Budget, be approved. Approved unanimously.

5.Approval of Minutes of February 23,2020 AGM:

Moved Ian McNeill; seconded Abe Enns: That the Minutes of February 23, 2020 AGM be approved as presented. Approved unanimously.



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6. Approval of 2020 Annual Report:

Karen Pryznyk expressed appreciation to all who submitted information to the Annual Report and a special thanks to Joanne Dzurka for once again creating a thorough and creative Annual Report.

Moved Donna Smith-Bronson; seconded Diane McNeill: That the 2020 Annual Report, with the amended 2021 Budget, be approved. Approved unanimously.

7. Presentation and Approval of 2020 Financials:

Stewart Thomas, Treasurer, presented the 2020 Financials and answered questions. Karen Pryznyk thanked both Stewart Thomas and Audra Brown, OUC Bookkeeper for keeping our financials in order. Moved Steve Hayward; seconded Michael Scappaticci: That the 2020 Financials be approved as presented. Approved unanimously.

8. New Business – Three – Church Partnership:

Karen Pryznyk reviewed the motion to be addressed, answered questions, and heard related comments.

Moved Michael Scappaticci; seconded David Chandler: That we approve moving forward with shared ministry resources between Okotoks and St. Andrew's United Churches and United Church in the Valley effective August 1, 2021, the details of which will be contained in a Memorandum of Understanding to be completed and approved by the Boards of the respective Communities of Faith and the Chinook Winds Region of the United Church of Canada. Carried unanimously.

9. Presentation and Approval of 2021 Budget:

Stewart Thomas presented and explained the 2021 Budget. Stewart Thomas responded to questions that arose during a brief discussion.

Moved Stewart Thomas; seconded Marti Innes: That the 2021 Budget be approved as presented. Approved unanimously

10. Board Report – Karen Pryznyk:

Karen Pryznyk thanked the Board Members for all their time, energy, and thoughtful planning for the Church and congregation. She thanked the congregation for their continued support during the past year and relayed how that encouraged the Board.

11. Election of Board Members:

Moved Sally Salter; seconded Pat Reader – Downey: That the following people be elected to the Board for their respective terms:

a) Ian McNeill – 2 more years, b) Karen Jones – 2 more years, c) Karen Pryznyk – 3 more years, d) Stewart Thomas – 1 more year. Approved unanimously.

12.Election of Trustees:

Karen Pryznyk thanked Ursula Hoppenheit for her service as a Trustee. Rev. Julia Kimmett thanked the Trustees for their work this past year with special thanks to Gary Dzurka and Bill Calder for their experience and guidance.

Moved David Chandler; seconded Gary Dzurka; That Desiree Hart and Michael Scappaticci be approved for election to the Board of Trustees. Approved unanimously.

13.Election of Chinook Winds Regional Representatives:

Karen Pryznyk thanked Sally Salter and Carol Price for serving as Representatives and drew attention to their submission in the Annual Report which explains their work over the past year.

Moved Betty – Lou Bayley; seconded Stewart Thomas: That Sally Salter and Carol Price be approved as Chinook Winds Regional Representatives for 2021 year. Approved unanimously.

14.Election of Committee Members:

a) **M&P** - Karen Pryznyk thanked the members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee with special thanks to Sally Salter for all her hours of working for members and the Church in her numerous roles in particular her work on the Wage Subsidy Grants this year.

Moved Karen Jones; seconded Donna Smith – Bronson: That Sally Salter, Melanie Toews and Jack Parsons be approved as the M & P Committee Members for the 2021 year. Approved unanimously.

b) **Nominating Committee** – There are no nominations for this committee. Karen Pryznyk asked that people consider this role and speak with a Board Member if they are interested.

15.Other Questions or Comments:

Stewart Thomas acknowledged all the volunteers that contributed to our Church over this past year. He noted that Diane Willis, Sally Salter, Audra Brown, Candice Sutton, and Rev. Julia Kimmett all helped him so much personally and helped our Church run so smoothly over this past often challenging year. Karen Pryznyk acknowledged all the work that took place, from cleaning the Church, maintaining the Church, and so much more by so many. She thanked Rev. Julia Kimmett who became a movie producer, attracting people from outside Okotoks to our Services, and participation from the Dominican Republic during Bible Study. Rev. Julia Kimmett thanked Karen Pryznyk for her incredible leadership and graceful guidance and all who worked so hard. Rev. Julia Kimmett noted that while she too works long and hard, she believes that she gets more than she gives.

16.Benediction – Rev. Julia Kimmett offered the benediction

17.Motion to Adjourn:

Moved Beth Loucks; seconded Ellie Shaver that we adjourn.

The AGM Adjourned at 12:15 PM.



Benevolent Fund

The Benevolent Fund exists to support the emergency needs of the community on a one-time basis. It is a confidential service managed and dispersed by the ministers of both Okotoks and St. Andrew's Communities of Faith. While most of the assistance goes toward food and housing, we occasionally receive an unusual request to help with other needs. Most of the people we see are referred to us by local Social Service Agencies. If we have a walk-in client, we usually refer them to the Family Resource Centre for assessment as the Social Workers there are able to further assist the clients to access other resources and make a thorough assessment of needs.

The Benevolent Fund is funded solely by contributions from both Communities of Faith. No operating funds are designated toward the Benevolent Fund.

People are very grateful for the assistance as it often buys them some time to access other resources if needed and to get on their feet. Please see below for this year's Benevolent Fund Income and Dispersals.

Income 2021

| | |
|------------|-------------|
| Cash | \$14,446.00 |
| Gift Cards | \$525.00 |

Dispersals 2021

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Cash | \$19,846.20 |
| *Housing (Includes temporary [hotels]) | \$15,205.33 |
| *Utilities (Gas, Electricity, Water) | \$2,654.02 |
| *Medical | \$1,109.35 |
| *Other | \$877.50 |
| Gift Cards | \$1,555.00 |
| *Groceries or Gas (+ a few miscellaneous) | |

It is a privilege for us to distribute this fund on your behalf as we get to see the immediate relief of the people being helped. Many are so grateful. We always tell them that this is only possible because of your generosity.

Submitted by Reverends Julia Kimmett and Matthew Heesing

Harmony Group

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Opening Balance January 1, 2021. | \$3,466.76 |
| Income. Antipasto sales. | \$814.83 |
| Expenses Fellowship & Outreach. | \$214.85 |
| Closing Balance. December 31, 2021 | \$4,066.74 |

Respectfully submitted: Ellen Kneiss - Treasurer

The members of The Harmony Group have tried to stay in touch during this past year. It has been a quiet year for the group so this will be a brief report.

We had 2 meetings in the fall in the Common Room at Heritage Heights hosted by Judy. We had hoped at those meetings to plan again for a Christmas Bazaar as weren't able to host one last year. Due to restrictions that wasn't possible. We were able to meet twice in the church kitchen to make antipasto and 135 jars were made. These were sold along with Red & Green Pepper Jelly made by Marilyn. Thank you to those members of the churches and community who supported this project.

We were able to meet at Bistro 1882 for a Christmas lunch. A lovely meal was had and lots of visiting took place. Judy & Jean had made Christmas coasters as a gift to everyone. Thank you to Ed & Marcella for the wonderful time. We were pleased to have a guest join us at this time.

The Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and hope to be able to continue to do that in 2022 and once again become more active. We welcome new members to join us.

For more information on the Harmony Group, please contact:

Judy Niven (Co-coordinator)

Jean Eddy (Co-coordinator)

Amy Mounkes (Secretary)

Ellen Kneiss (Treasurer)

COVID-19 Financial Assistance



During 2021 both the Government of Canada and the Government of Alberta 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.

Government of Canada Programs

The CEWS (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy) program which began in March 2020 was extended to October 23, 2021. The subsidy was intended to assist organizations and businesses with employee salary costs based on the decrease in their monthly revenues. The total amount Okotoks United Church received under the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy in 2021 was \$14, 823.47. This program has now been terminated.

In 2020 we applied for and were approved for funds under the CEBA (Canada Emergency Business Account) program. The \$60,000 CEBA proceeds were 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. In December 2021 we repaid \$20,000 of the outstanding balance and plan to repay the remaining \$20,000 by December 2022.

Government of Alberta Programs

The Faith-based and Cultural Facility Relaunch Grant supports faith-based and cultural organizations that have a mandate which includes a religious, spiritual and ceremonial component and operate facilities which are used for cultural, religious, spiritual and ceremonial gatherings. The program was designed to offer one-time reimbursement funding to help offset additional costs incurred in meeting the public health directives for Albertans during the COVID-19 crisis. In June 2021 we received \$5,000.00 from the Faith-based and Cultural Facility Relaunch Grant program. These funds were applied to the upgrade of our Audio Visual system in preparation for reopening in September 2021.

Sally Salter

OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH FINANCIAL BUDGET 2021

| FUND ONE | 2021 Actual | 2021 Budget | 2022 Budget |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| GENERAL FUND INCOME | 186,981.16 | 206,500.00 | 196,000.00 |
| INVESTMENT INCOME | 1,706.89 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| PROGRAM INCOME | 2,199.35 | 800.00 | 500.00 |
| RENTAL INCOME | | | |
| Rental Income & Magazines | 6,403.75 | 5,300.00 | 5,300.00 |
| Chinook Winds Region | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 |
| Wedding & Funeral Rent | 1,050.00 | 1,300.00 | 1,100.00 |
| OTHER INCOME | 53,793.18 | 28,500.00 | 6,611.96 |
| FUNDRAISING INCOME | | | |
| Turkey Supper income | 4,775.00 | 7,500.00 | 8,750.00 |
| Other Fundraising Income | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 274,909.33 | 269,100.00 | 237,761.96 |
| EXPENSES | | | |
| SALARIED STAFF | 136,362.13 | 137,389.05 | 142,266.92 |
| CONTRACT STAFF | 28,274.66 | 38,040.00 | 32,145.00 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE | 7,369.29 | 9,629.66 | 9,449.21 |
| UCC EXPENSES / COSTS | 10,262.24 | 10,411.00 | 11,759.00 |
| CHURCH PHONES | 4,775.08 | 5,200.00 | 3,660.00 |
| INTERNET | 479.70 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| COMPUTER EXPENSES | 211.71 | 1,500.00 | 1,200.00 |
| BUILDING INSURANCE | 9,109.24 | 6,720.00 | 9,765.00 |
| UTILITIES | 16,798.29 | 19,660.00 | 19,773.66 |
| BUILDING MAINTENANCE | 22,720.67 | 21,270.00 | 27,213.00 |
| GROUNDS MAINTENANCE | 2,175.72 | 1,925.00 | 1,840.00 |
| AUDIO VISUAL EXPENSES | 10.76 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE | 64,676.80 | 65,000.00 | 0.00 |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION | 1,551.88 | 1,250.00 | 4,450.00 |
| CHOIR / MUSIC | 1,717.70 | 1,300.00 | 1,400.00 |
| OUTREACH | 2,237.07 | 850.00 | 600.00 |
| FELLOWSHIP | 0.00 | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| MINISTRY EXPENSE | 1,226.32 | 3,900.00 | 2,550.00 |
| OTHER EXPENSES | 0.00 | 600.00 | 100.00 |
| FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | | | |
| Stewardship & Other Fundraising Expense | 47.50 | 1,100.00 | 1,100.00 |
| Turkey supper expense | 1,668.17 | 6,500.00 | 1,700.00 |
| WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS EXP | 513.52 | 1,750.00 | 1,750.00 |
| Return of Subsidy to DeWinton | 3,310.78 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Repayment of CEBA Loan | 20,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES (Not including Mortgage) | 335,499.23 | 335,494.71 | 273,721.79 |
| SURPLUS (DEFICIT) | -60,589.90 | -66,394.71 | -35,959.83 |

| FUND TWO | | 2021 Actual | 2021 Budget | 2022 Budget |
|---------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Banking Interest | | 0.32 | 0.24 | 0.24 |
| TEMP. RESTRICTED INCOME | | | | |
| Mission Possible | | 9,454.43 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Benevolence (Min) | | 12,176.00 | 18,000.00 | 16,000.00 |
| School lunch program inc | | 10,675.05 | 12,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Outreach (Third Floor) | | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Healing Touch | | 330.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Affordable Housing | | 2,850.00 | 0.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Affirming Ministry | | 455.00 | 2,500.00 | 500.00 |
| Kids Ministry | | 271.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mission/Services | | 14,370.00 | 14,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Memorials / Legacies | | 75.00 | 500.00 | 350.00 |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED INCOME | | 55,156.80 | 53,300.24 | 61,150.24 |
| TEMP.REST. EXPENSES | | | | |
| Mission Possible Exp | | 7,454.43 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Benevolence (Min) | | 17,934.64 | 18,000.00 | 18,000.00 |
| School lunch prog expense | | 21,100.71 | 12,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| Outreach Fund Exp | | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Healing Touch Exp | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Affordable Housing Exp | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Affirming Ministry expens | | 197.88 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| Contingency Reserve Exp | | 4,202.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mission/Services Exp | | 13,586.00 | 14,000.00 | 11,000.00 |
| Bequests/Memorial Exp | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RESTRICTED EXPENSES | | 64,476.16 | 50,500.00 | 60,500.00 |
| EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES | | -9,319.36 | 2,800.24 | 650.24 |
| FUND THREE | | 2021 Actual | 2021 Budget | 2022 Budget |
| CAPITAL FUND (Building) | | | | |
| Mortgage Fund (EP) | | 50,324.60 | 47,000.00 | 47,000.00 |
| Interest | | 571.94 | 740.00 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | | 50,896.54 | 47,740.00 | 47,000.00 |
| UCC | | | | |
| UCC Principle Paid | | 123.01 | 123.01 | 136.34 |
| UCC Interest Paid | | 11,626.99 | 11,626.99 | 11,623.66 |
| RBC | | | | |
| RBC Principle Paid | | 16,874.40 | 15,120.60 | 17,000.00 |
| RBC Interest Paid | | 7,563.00 | 7,280.35 | 7,437.40 |
| TOTAL PAYOUTS | | 36,187.40 | 34,150.95 | 36,197.40 |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | | 14,709.14 | 13,589.05 | 10,802.60 |

| MORTGAGE SUMMARY | | Dec. 31, 2011 | Dec. 31, 2021 |
|---------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| 2021 UCC Mortgage Balance | | 500,000.00 | 465,009.38 |
| 2021 RBC Mortgage Balance | | 650,000.00 | 194,149.68 |
| BALANCE | | 1,150,000.00 | 659,159.06 |
| TOTAL PAID DOWN FROM 2011 | | | 490,840.94 |

Okotoks United Church

Balance Sheet Consolidated - December 2021

| | Fund 01 - GENERAL FUND | Fund 02 - DESIG. FUND | Fund 03 - CAPITAL FUND | Total |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| BANK ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| CHEQUING ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| RBC General Account | \$53,289.79 | | | \$53,289.79 |
| Temp Rest. in Cqg | | \$83,595.76 | | \$83,595.76 |
| Bank in Bldg - 03 | | | \$28,054.54 | \$28,054.54 |
| Subtotal Chequing Accounts | \$53,289.79 | \$83,595.76 | \$28,054.54 | \$164,940.09 |
| OTHER ACCOUNTS | | | | |
| Benevolent Ministers Acct | | \$30,921.34 | | \$30,921.34 |
| GIC Investments | \$47,500.00 | | \$102,500.00 | \$150,000.00 |
| Subtotal Other Accounts | \$47,500.00 | \$30,921.34 | \$102,500.00 | \$180,921.34 |
| Subtotal Bank Accounts | \$100,789.79 | \$114,517.10 | \$130,554.54 | \$345,861.43 |
| CASH ON HAND | | | | |
| Petty Cash | \$200.00 | | | \$200.00 |
| INVESTMENTS | | | | |
| ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE | | | | |
| GST Receivable 2021 | \$2,027.82 | \$123.49 | | \$2,151.31 |
| CAPITAL ASSETS | | | | |
| BUILDINGS | | | | |
| Buildings, Improvements | | | \$3,580,715.93 | \$3,580,715.93 |
| EQUIPMENT | | | | |
| Furniture and equipment | | | \$79,619.02 | \$79,619.02 |
| Subtotal Capital Assets | | | \$3,660,334.95 | \$3,660,334.95 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$103,017.61 | \$114,640.59 | \$3,790,889.49 | \$4,008,547.69 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | | | | |
| MORTGAGES & LOANS | | | | |
| RBC Construction Loan | | | \$194,149.68 | \$194,149.68 |
| United Church Loan | | | \$465,009.38 | \$465,009.38 |
| CEBA Loan | \$20,000.00 | | | \$20,000.00 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | \$20,000.00 | | \$659,159.06 | \$679,159.06 |

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| | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| EQUITY | | | |
| UNRESTRICTED | | | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$83,017.61 | | \$83,017.61 |
| RESTRICTED | | | |
| Equity in Cap. Assets | | \$3,010,575.61 | \$3,010,575.61 |
| TEMP.RESTR.IN CHEQUING FB | | | |
| DONOR RESTRICTED | | | |
| Mission Possible Fb | \$12,665.97 | | \$12,665.97 |
| MP Non-D Balance | \$1,135.96 | | \$1,135.96 |
| Benevolent Fb | \$33,846.62 | | \$33,846.62 |
| School lunch program FB | \$30,282.20 | | \$30,282.20 |
| Outreach Fund FB | \$10,520.32 | | \$10,520.32 |
| Second Minister Fund | \$1,740.25 | | \$1,740.25 |
| Healing Touch Fb | \$2,776.90 | | \$2,776.90 |
| Healing Touch Donations | \$910.00 | | \$910.00 |
| Affordable Housing | \$2,850.00 | | \$2,850.00 |
| Affirming Ministry | \$2,982.23 | | \$2,982.23 |
| Empowering the Promise | | \$121,154.82 | \$121,154.82 |
| Kids Ministry Fb | \$1,950.25 | | \$1,950.25 |
| Contingency Reserve | \$8,127.29 | | \$8,127.29 |
| Subtotal Donor Restricted | \$109,787.99 | \$121,154.82 | \$230,942.81 |
| PASS THRU FUNDS | | | |
| Mission/Services Fd | \$1,657.60 | | \$1,657.60 |
| Memorials / Legacies | \$3,195.00 | | \$3,195.00 |
| Subtotal Pass Thru Funds | \$4,852.60 | | \$4,852.60 |
| Subtotal Temp.restr.in Chequing Fb | \$114,640.59 | \$121,154.82 | \$235,795.41 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | \$83,017.61 | \$114,640.59 | \$3,131,730.43 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | \$103,017.61 | \$114,640.59 | \$3,790,889.49 |
| | | | \$4,008,547.69 |

Leadership 2021

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Board



Rev. Julia Kimmett



Rev. Matthew Heesing



Karen Pryznyk
Board Chair



Carol Price
Secretary to Nov.
then Treasurer



Stewart Thomas
Treasurer to Sept
then member at large.



Janet Page
Secretary
from October



Ian McNeill
Property & Maintenance



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Curtis Carlson
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2021 Photo Album

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Feb. 17: Ash Wednesday
Joanne Dzurka's tattooed forearm



Mar. 14: Beth Loucks baked this creative
pie with the PIE symbol



Jun. 30: Pride crosswalk being painted
photo from: Okotoks Today



Aug. 14: Haiti was struck by a 7.2 earthquake
photo from: Say Naija



Jun.- mid-July: BC fires
photo by: imacutebear.com



Nov.: BC floods
photo by: Thewatchdogonline.com



Ap.8: National Vigil Guaranteed Livable
Income for all Canadians.



Nov. 28 to Dec. 24
Advent sermon series



COVID-19 Won't End until It Ends for Everyone

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Loving and caring God,
We have done everything we've been told:
Worn masks, stayed home, gotten our shots—
Isn't it about time all this is over?

Let us remember always that no, it's not over;
It's not over for people in so many places we never think about:
People whose lives were already a struggle
Now overflowing with illness and loss and grief,
And often with no masks, no shots, no way to stay safe at home.

Remind us, God of the whole world,
That the whole world is our family.
That this won't be all over until it is over for all.
And let us do all we can
To give our whole-world family what we take for granted:
Hope for a future.

Amen

-United Church of Canada