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HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE *THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA*

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Minister's Report

Happy New Year,

Another pandemic year under our belts and yet another year of blessings. For many reasons, I'm glad 2021 is behind us but I also have so much to be thankful for in the past year and much to look forward to in 2022. Our family all seem very comfortable and also consider ourselves very fortunate to be living here in the Haliburton Highlands. Amanda continues to supply teach in our local schools. Thomas is currently 8 but his birthday is the 29th of January so he might be 9 by the time you read this. He loves grade 3 and is glad to go to school In-Person (when permitted to do so!). Emily is in grade 10 this year, In-Person. She is doing very well despite high school being on the "Quadmester" system, two classes at a time, one all morning and the other all afternoon for 44 school days in a row. She recently broke her foot while tobogganing so living with a cast has been an exciting and challenging time. Lily is in grade 12 again this year! Technically, she graduated last year but she wanted to take Calculus and other classes as she wasn't quite ready to go to university. She just received word that she has received early admission to Trent University in Peterborough! All three kids take the same school bus into Haliburton while wearing their masks and are in the French Immersion program.

COVID-19 continues to have a huge impact on our lives and the life of the church. Thanks go to our Pastoral Care teams at both churches for keeping me up-to-date and keeping everyone in touch with our church. Your mindfulness gives tangible meaning to the love of the Spirit in our churches and has been vital during this pandemic. Please give me a call if you know of someone in the hospital, someone who is sick, or someone who simply may need a visit. The pastoral care committee and I appreciate your input in order to be able to try to meet the needs of others.

A big thank you to Lois Deacon and all the members of the Unified Board for offering us all the leadership we need in these uncertain times.

We give thanks for the continued support of Rev. John Patterson, Rev. Peter Walford-Davis, Rev. Marybeth Wilson & Rev. Paul Reed. Also, a special thank you to Debbie Sherwin who offers us wonderful Worship Leadership and who is now taking a break from preaching. Also, I would like to thank Melissa Stephens for your wonderful gifts of musical leadership. The worship service and our participation in it is blessed with your ministry of music. Thanks to all the musicians(alphabetically); Eric Casper, Larry Giles, Brooke Gooley, Ella Gooley, Sheelagh McClelland, Jessie Pflug, Jane Symons, and Beverly Upton for stepping up to add your beautiful music. Hopefully we'll be able to resume more musical involvement when COVID-19 settles down.

In September, we welcomed Deanna Wruth as our new Church Administrator. It has been a pleasure to get to know her and she is doing a super job. I'm looking forward to ministering together in 2022.

2022 holds much promise for us all as we work and worship with the Holy Spirit in ways we never imagined a year or so ago as we continue to change and adapt. May we see the face of Christ in whoever we meet and interact with in this new year; both in the life of the church and the life of the community!

*Sincerely,
Rev. Max Ward*

Unified Board Chair Report

It is hard to believe that we have gone through another year of living with the Covid 19 pandemic. So many things in our lives have been impacted as we do the work to keep ourselves, our families, and our communities as safe as possible.

From biblical times to the present there have been many periods, some lasting years or even decades, when people have gone through major population-level challenges – we are not the first, nor are we likely to be the last, to have to struggle with the loss of our “normal” lives.

Yet even as we go through another Covid 19 wave, it’s important to remember that we have much to be grateful for. Scientists and health care professionals world-wide have worked tirelessly to continuously improve treatment methods for those with Covid and have provided effective vaccines that have saved many lives. We live in a country with a good health care system that has tried its best to continue to deliver regular health care while caring for huge influxes of Covid 19 patients. We have access to most goods and services – they might not be exactly as we would like them to be, but it’s up to each of us to make the best of things.

Challenges and difficulties are very good at making us aware of the importance of our connections to other people. The relationships we have with the people in our various communities are essential to our well being and health. The people in our Highland Hills Pastoral Charge community are wonderful examples of how kind, caring, and supportive individuals can make a difference in other peoples’ lives. We are grateful to be part of such a community.

Thank you to everyone in our Pastoral Charge community who has contributed to the ongoing work of our churches. This includes staff, Unified Board members, committee chairs and members, other volunteers, congregation members, etc. Your gifts of time, energy and skills are very much appreciated.

We offer a warm welcome to Deanna Wruth as our new Church Administrator, we are glad to have you as a part of our Pastoral Charge community.

Special thanks to Rev Max, Melissa Stephens and the volunteer Zoom co-hosts for making in-person and online worship services happen.

Thank you to members, adherents, and friends for your monetary donations – we could not continue without you.

We offer our condolences to those who have lost loved ones. We recognize that many people have experienced losses of various kinds, and we offer our support to those who are grieving in any way.

As we continue to navigate our way through this ever-changing world, please find comfort in the knowledge that we are all part of God’s family.

Please stay safe and well,

Lois Deacon

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge and United Church 2021 Annual Joint General Meeting

Annual Joint General Meeting via Zoom online, Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021

ATTENDANCE Maple Lake United Church: Deloris Bailey, Judy & Albert Carpenter, Larry Giles, Rev. Max Ward

ATTENDANCE Highland Hills United Church: Brian Austen, Nancy & Don Ballantyne, Barb & Walter Braker, Fred & Joan Chapple, Rebekah & Shawn Chevalier, Andy & Charlene Cooper, Donna & Neil Darby, Joy Davey, Lois Deacon, Bruce & Joan Down, Jude Fisher, Erskine Flook, Janet Heffer, Glenna Koehler, Bruce McClennan, Barb & Tom Parish, Sue Sisson, Laurie Stibbards, Pat Thornett, Mary Trepanier, Barbara Walford-Davis, Rev. Max Ward, Tanya Warne, Wilma Warne, Marybeth Wilson

HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE

Rev. Max Ward welcomed people to this meeting held for the first time online.

1. NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR AND SECRETARY: Rev. Max Ward asked for nominations for chair and secretary.

Motion: Pat Thornett/Joan Chapple that Janet Heffer be nominated as chair and Rebekah Chevalier be nominated as secretary. **Carried.**

2. Rev. Max Ward opened the meeting in prayer.

3. REVIEW OF ZOOM PROTOCOLS

Rev. Max Ward highlighted the online procedures to be used for speaking and voting, etc.

4. IN MEMORIAM (Annual Report p. 29)

Rev. Max Ward reviewed the list of names of those who passed away in 2020 and led in a time of remembrance followed by a moment of silence.

5. WELCOME

Janet Heffer added her thanks for people's attendance at the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Neil Darby/Marybeth Wilson that the agenda be approved with corrections. **Carried.**

7. ADHERENTS VOTING

Motion: Erskine Flook/Jude Fisher that adherents be allowed to vote on all matters. **Carried.**

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of Highland Hills Pastoral Charge and Highland Hills United Church (HHUC) Annual General Meeting Feb. 23, 2020 (Annual Report pp. 8-13)

Motion: Barbara Walford-Davis/Jude Fisher that the pastoral charge and HHUC AGM minutes be approved. **Carried.**

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The one item, potential lift for HHUC, was moved to New Business.

10. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE 2020 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND BUDGET (Annual Report pp. 14-16)

Erskine Flook spoke to this. In the 2020 actual there is nothing unusual in the amounts to highlight other than item 30, office equipment, which is high because of the purchase of a laptop for Zoom services. Due to the reduction in secretarial services, the charge has reduced expenses. There was a positive balance at the end of the year.

On the 2021 budget most costs are fixed. Item 25, manse telephone/internet, has more than doubled because the Board decided to pay for internet service for the manse since Rev. Max Ward is hosting many online meetings from home. Erskine noted that as part of the departure package for the pastoral charge secretary, her salary continues until March and then there are budgeted expenditures starting in the fall.

Regarding item 6, COVID rebate, he clarified that one of the government programs paid some portion of the minister's salary. A question was asked about technical equipment. The laptop is not just for Zoom online services and meetings but for the minister to use for his work. The other money is for Highland Hills United Church. The expense of the laptop is for the use of the whole pastoral charge. However, eventually that equipment will stay with HHUC in the future and be used for future services at HHUC. For Item 29, under office, it was noted that the Board made the decision to pay for toll-free telephone numbers for members to be able to access Zoom via telephone.

Motion: Erskine Flook/Jude Fisher that we accept the 2020 financials and the proposed budget for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge for 2021. **Carried.**

11. HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 17-30)

Motion: Barb Walford-Davis/Neil Darby that the pastoral charge reports be accepted. **Carried.**

12. ELECTION OF HIGHLAND HILLS PASTORAL CHARGE AND CHURCH OFFICERS AND SIGNING OFFICERS FOR BANKS (Annual Report, p. 23-24)

Changes noted were that Diane Welborn resigned from Outreach and Pat Thornett is the UCW representative. At Maple Lake United Church Deloris Bailey and Shirley Johnston will join with Thea Patterson on Outreach.

In response to a question, it was clarified what an associate member is. This might be, for example, the leader of a small group that is an associate member of a committee.

Motion: Erskine Flook/Barbara Braker that the proposed slate of officers be approved. **Carried.**

Motion: Erskine Flook/Barbara Walford-Davis that the signing authority for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge bank account at TD Canada Trust and for Highland Hills United Church's bank account at CIBC shall be as follows. **Carried.**

Treasurer of the Unified Board (or delegate): Jude Fisher

And any one of the following: Chair of the Unified Board (Lois Deacon); Chair-elect of the Unified Board (Janet Heffer); Past Chair of the Unified Board (Erskine Flook); Chair of the Board of Trustees of Highland Hills United Church (Bruce McClennan)

13. NEW BUSINESS

Larry Giles read a letter of appreciation from the Philanthropy Unit of the national United Church regarding the approximately \$20,000 contribution to Indigenous ministries related to the sale of the Zion property. This is a percentage that is a mandatory condition that applies to the net proceeds from the sale of all United Church buildings.

HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH

14. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH 2020 FINANCIAL ACTUALS AND 2021 BUDGET (Annual Report pp. 32-35)

Erskine Flook noted that in item 32, Miscellaneous, HHUC paid for the whole replacement of the manse furnace to provide financial assistance to Maple Lake. He noted that there was a positive balance.

For the budget for 2021, it was noted that fundraising will start in some way in the fall. It was asked where the money for the AV equipment is. The answer is under building fund, item 15, technology. It was clarified that community groups using the building purchase their own insurance, so this does not have to be part of the church's insurance.

Erskine noted that p. 35 of the annual report shows the church's assets. There are a few errors, and a revised balance will be sent out via email. Regarding item 9 Planned Gift Fund: Zion United had decided that instead of having a memorial fund a planned giving fund be developed so that when memorial gifts reached a certain amount the interest would be used in the operation of the church. Trustees are going to look at planned giving from Zion and the memorial fund we now have with a view to combining them in some way.

It was asked whether money from the sale of Zion could go toward Abbey Retreat Centre. It was clarified that we cannot spend proceeds from the sale of the church on anything other than our own church without seeking permission from the regional council. But we could decide to donate some of our operating funds. This would need to be discussed by the Board.

15. APPROVAL OF HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH BUDGET FOR 2021

Motion: Erskine Flook/Jude Fisher that the 2020 financials and the 2021 operating budget for Highland Hills United Church be approved. **Carried.**

16. APPROVAL OF MISSION & SERVICE OBJECTIVE (Annual Report p. 22)

It was clarified that the objective is focused on mission and most of the service part is now covered by assessment (as outlined in last year's AGM minutes). Because our assessment is going up, we may want to bear that in mind when setting the objective.

Barbara Walford-Davis/Jude Fisher that the Mission & Service objective for HHUC be \$14,000.

Carried.

At its recent AGM Maple Lake approved \$1,500 as its Mission & Service objective. UCW has set their amount for \$1,000. So our objective for the pastoral charge is \$14,000 + 1,500 and 1,000 = \$16,500.

17. HIGHLAND HILLS UNITED CHURCH REPORTS (Annual Report pp. 36-41)

Motion: Jude Fisher/Joan Chapple that the Highland Hills United Church reports be approved.

Carried.

18. NEW BUSINESS

Potential lift for HHUC: Neil Darby noted that COVID-19 impacted this proposed lift. Recently the Board directed a committee be struck and this has been done. The lift committee currently consists of Neil Darby, Erskine Flook, and Bruce McClennan. There are some requests out for other members of the committee. Neil said they will get Keith Moore, the architect, to look at drawings for a possible second location, but that is down the road. We have not spent any money, but are just gathering information. The congregation was asked if they are comfortable talking about the lift situation on Zoom rather than in person if needed. The general consensus was that people were comfortable. It was clarified that it is very likely that some of HHUC's capital funds could be used for the lift. It would be important to seek any sources of grants from governments, etc. Various sources of information regarding lifts and funding were suggested. The committee will develop options for location of the lift for the congregation to consider. If people have comments, they can direct them to the three current committee members.

Neil noted that in the kitchen fund there is \$7,500. Because the church is not being used, this is the time to insulate the outside wall of the kitchen to eliminate freezing issues and put in new cabinetry and countertop. It was suggested that the UCW and Property Committee discuss this.

19. APPRECIATIONS

Appreciation was expressed to Rebekah Chevalier for compiling the annual report. Appreciation was expressed to Rev. Max Ward and Melissa Stephens for taking worship online since the pandemic without missing a single Sunday. A thank you was given for Lois Deacon. We look forward to her resuming chairing duties. Thanks were given for all members for adapting to online life and for continued giving. Appreciation was expressed to the Board and to Rev. Max for all their work during this extraordinary year, which including selling the Zion property.

Nancy Ballantyne moved adjournment.

Chair, Janet Heffer

Secretary, Rebekah Chevalier

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Reports
Financial Reports

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

Financial Activity

2021 Actual and 2021 & 2022 Budgets(summary)

3010 General Fund

		Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Budget 2022	
<u>REVENUE</u>					
4000	Church Assessments	97,560.00	\$97,560	\$118,260	
4100	Manse Heat-by Minister	800.00	\$800	\$800	
4200	Misc. Income	0.00	\$100	\$50	
4910	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Received	383.39	\$250	\$0	*
4930	Ontario Sales Tax Rebate Received	1,020.39	\$750	\$0	*
TOTAL REVENUE		99,763.78	\$99,460	\$119,110	
<u>EXPENSE</u>					
5000	Denominational Assessment	5,413.00	\$5,413	\$6,548	*
5100	Office Expenses	5,057.66	\$5,500	\$5,200	
5150	Manse Costs	8,656.72	\$11,055	\$9,910	
5230	Education and Training	556.24	\$1,474	\$1,500	
5300	Payroll Expenses	75,934.60	\$71,565	\$89,440	*
5400	Pulpit Supply	2,082.75	\$2,000	\$3,800	*
5500	Administration	2,367.83	\$1,785	\$2,235	
5600	Outreach Committee Expenses	450.00	\$600	\$600	
TOTAL EXPENSE		100,518.80	\$99,392	\$119,233	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(755.02)	\$68	(\$123)	

Note(*): 2021 Actual

5300 – extra month of Secretary to Administrator change over

5500 – additional licence fees Zoom, Microsoft, Accounts

2022 Budget

4910 & 4930 – in the future these funds will be in Accounts Receivable

5000 – increase in 2022 & also 2023

5300 – full time clergy & ½ time admin salary and benefits/EI&CPP contributions

- salary increase 1.3%; UCC benefits cost increase

5400 – increase assuming Rev Max able to take postponed sabbatical

3011 Benevolent Fund

4300	Benevolence Fund Income	465.00		
5540	Benevolence Fund Expense	0.00		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		465.00		

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge

Statement of Financial Position as of
12/31/2021

ASSETS

1000	Chequing Account	\$10,708.05
1050	Savings Account	\$1,000.00
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	\$303.33
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	\$814.14

TOTAL - ASSETS

\$12,825.52

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

2000	Credit Card	\$303.75
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3000 Unrestricted Funds

3010	General Fund	\$11,927.07
3020	Benevolence Fund	\$594.70

TOTAL- Unrestricted Funds

\$12,521.77

TOTAL - LIABILITIES and FUNDS

\$12,825.52

Manse Report

Annual meeting of the manse committee was held in August 2021. Max's expenses were approved and paid \$398.75. Balance in manse account as of December 31st, 2021, is \$3092.48.

It was approved that we replace the tub surround in the main bathroom and improve Max's office space. As of the end of the year, this work has not been done.

It is with regret that I mention the passing of a committee member and long-time friend Allan Upton. He will be missed.

Brian Austen

Minden Community Food Centre Report

In 2021 MCFC received many donations from individuals, businesses, service clubs, Minden Hills Township, grants, and other organizations. The size of donations varied from five dollars to ten thousand dollars, and they all are very appreciated. Many generous donations of food, personal care items and toys were received.

Unless specified all donations go to the purchase of foods and related expenses. About 45 percent of operating expenses were spent on food and supplies for clients as so much food and meat are donated from various sources. The remaining portion was spent on rent, hydro, water and sewer, insurance, propane, garbage and snow removal, transportation, supplies and other overhead expenses.

MCFC continues to be busy especially in the first, third and fourth quarter as many find work in the summer months. During COVID-19 it is almost impossible to predict with any accuracy the stats on clients and client visits. Many regular clients received funds from government programs. Our number of registered clients has increased substantially but the actual number of client visits remain about the same, but with irregular visits from regular clients being replaced with new COVID related clients coming.

We normally operate with about forty to forty- five active volunteers. At the outset of COVID a small group of working volunteers were working. They felt comfortable in their small group and chose to continue with their small group until things improved and they felt safe with new people. This continued for about nineteen months at which time six volunteers who had not travelled came back to MCFC as volunteers. Since the most recent government ordered shut down, we have stopped volunteers from coming back for now. Our volunteers are mostly in their seventies and eighties, so we are very cautious.

About eighty-one thousand pounds of food have gone out this year. The Christmas hamper program was again very successful operating in the drive through manner for the second year, serving about one hundred seventy families with either turkey or ham dinners, a week of groceries and toys for the children.

MCFC has enjoyed another successful year and continues to support programs helping children, sharing meat and other products with all of the other Haliburton food banks. Our building is now seven years old here at 24 Newcastle Street, in Minden. We partnered with the Arcadia Masonic Lodge to create a wonderful place for people to come when they need food but have grown to offer much more. The main level is about six times the size of our old facility to include a larger serving area and a hub to store surplus foods. This allows us to purchase in bulk at reduced costs and the ability to serve more with fewer donated dollars. The community kitchen is a joy to use but with COVID it has reduced some of our abilities. We still have managed to produce meals to go out in the monthly client food orders. Hopefully soon things will improve so we can return to teaching in the kitchen. We closely watch the guidelines and regulations so we will be ready. Because our numbers continue to increase this facility has truly been a blessing. This facility has a walk-in outside freezer and an indoor walk-in refrigerator plus numerous freezers and refrigerators. We operate a "lending of medical equipment" program as many of the clients are unable to afford to rent the equipment such as a walker or wheelchairs. We continue to find new ways in which we can assist the community. We accept donations of these pieces of equipment when a family member no longer needs them. Our thanks to everyone.

If you have any questions or wish to donate, please look at MCFC's web page. We thank you for your continued support.

MCFC is open Mon & Wed 11 am to 3:30 pm In emergency call 705-457-8778 or 705-854-9208

Don Veno, Chairperson

Joanne Barnes, Manager

Pat Thornett, Bookkeeper

Ministry and Personnel Committee Report

The Ministry and Personnel Committee conducted its business in 2021 by email and phone due to the ongoing pandemic. Reverend Max has continued to keep us up to date on his activities and mileage through quarterly reports although unfortunately much of his vacation and sabbatical plans were again altered or curtailed due to the pandemic. Reverend Max is now planning to take his earned and deserved Sabbatical in late summer 2022.

We made recommendations to the Official Board regarding Vacation and Study Leave and Salaries for the Minister, Music Director, and the new Church Administrator.

Considering some restrictions began lifting mid-year and the resuming of in-person worship was in the works, the M&P Committee embarked on preparing a detailed job description for a new Church Administrator position to fill the Charge Secretary position that had been vacant since Diane Welborn's retirement in September 2020.

We were very pleased that Deanna (Dee) Wruth accepted the position and commenced with us in the church office on September 14th. Dee has been an exceptional addition to our Highland Hills Pastoral Charge team. Thanks to Reverend Max for helping Dee transition into her new role. Although Dee hasn't yet had the opportunity to fully experience the people and operations of the charge, due to the limitations around Covid-19, she has made considerable strides in getting the church office and related operations in order and removing the burden of additional duties from Reverend Max, Melissa, and several volunteers.

Dee will also be taking on more day-to-day financial tasks to reduce the burden on the volunteer Treasurer. We look forward to Dee being able to apply all of her aptitudes once more normal operations resume.

Many thanks to Reverend Max and Melissa Stephens for again stepping up without hesitation to adapt readily to the changes and for providing excellent services to the Pastoral Charge. Thank you also to Janet Heffer, Marybeth Wilson, and Lois Deacon, for carrying out some day-to-day administrative tasks while we were without an administrator.

We all look forward to the full re-opening of the church to normal operations so that Reverend Max and Melissa and Dee may resume some normalcy in their service to the Pastoral Charge.

The M&P Committee continues to be available to address any personnel-related concerns of the congregation. They must be submitted in writing. We are here to also address any concerns of the employees of the Pastoral Charge. We hope 2022 will be a less disrupted year.

Members: Shawn Chevalier (Chair), Bruce McClennan, Wilma Warne, Shirley Johnston, Larry Giles

Shawn Chevalier

2021 Mission and Service Fund

December 31, 2021

	2021 Objective	2021 Year
HIGHLAND HILLS		
Congregation – M & S	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 16,306.00
HH UCW –M & S	1,000.00	1,000.00
World Dev.		<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>17,406.00</u>
MAPLE LAKE		
Congregation – M & S	1,500.00	780.00
TOTAL	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>780.00</u>
TOTAL FOR PASTORAL CHARGE	<u>\$ 16,500.00</u>	<u>\$ 18,186.00</u>

Mission & Service Fund Treasurer
Pat Thornett

Nominating Committee's Proposed Slate of Officers, the List of Trustees, and Committee Members for 2022

Highland Hills United Church & Pastoral Charge

Officers of Unified Board

Chair: Andy Cooper
Chair-elect: Janet Heffer
Past Chair: Lois Deacon
Secretary: Rebekah Chevalier
Treasurer: Erskine Flook

Members of the Unified Board: (the *Chair* or a representative from each Committee is a member of the Board)

Maple Lake Representative: Larry Giles

Member-at-Large: Joan Chapple

Trustees: Bruce McClennan, Brian Austen, Joan Chapple, Tom Davidson, Wes Lytle, Ross McMullen, Rev Max Ward

UCW Co Chairs: Pat Thornett, Barb Braker

COMMITTEES:

Finance: Erskine Flook, Don Pflug (Envelope Steward & PAR)

Manse: Brian Austen, Andy Cooper, Barbara Walford-Davis, (+ML member)

Ministry & Personnel: Shawn Chevalier, Larry Giles, Shirley Johnson, Bruce McClennan, Wilma Warne

Nominating: Lois Deacon, Andy Cooper, Janet Heffer

Outreach: Pat Thornett, Doris Bailey, Margo Davison, Joan Grant, Shirley Johnson, Thea Paterson, Barb Walford-Davis, Rev Max Ward. **Associate Members:** Carolyn Coburn, Glenna Koehler, Carol McClennan, Debbie Sherwin, Mary Trepanier

Pastoral Care: Marybeth Wilson, Irene Alexander, Nancy Ballantyne, Barb Braker, Jack/Wille Cox, Gail Flook, Elinor Hamilton, Kathy Harrison, Barb Parish, Sue Sisson, Irma Walker, Wilma Warne

East Central Regional Council Representative: Rev Max Ward (ex officio)

Property: Neil Darby, Brian Austen, Bruce Down, Jim Fahl, Paul Rutledge

Stewardship: Tom Parish, Donna Darby

Worship and Christian Education: Janet Heffer, Eric Casper, Joan Chapple, Donna Darby, Gail Flook, Debbie Sherwin, Pat Thornett, Rev Max Ward, Melissa Stephens, Music Director, (+ML member)

Visioning Group: (ad hoc): Shawn Chevalier, Eric Casper, Jaklin Casper

NOTE: (+ML) = Maple Lake representative

Erskine Flook

Outreach Committee

Our committee had 6 Zoom meetings during the year. Members are: Barb Walford-Davis, Chair, Deloris Bailey, Margo Davidson, Joan Grant, Shirley Johnson, Thea Patterson, Rev. Max Ward and Pat Thornett Secretary. Associate Members are: Carolynn Coburn, Glenna Koehler, Carol McClennan, Debbie Sherwin and Mary Trepanier. They each have a connection to Outreach concerns.

February 21 – we observed Pink Shirt Day.

March was for YWCA. We had Denise Morton Sales speak at a Sunday service via Zoom

April 18th, we had an Earth Day Service thanks to Mary Margaret Boone which she handled well.

June HAVE Walk was postponed and they sent out an appeal to donors, so we dropped it.

June 13 was Indigenous Peoples Celebration. Kathy Manners was our Sunday speaker as she has worked in that area. We also used Indigenous poems supplied by Joan Grant & Debbie Sherwin.

July – Canada Day was cancelled due to Covid, so we were unable to have our display.

August – VIBE – there were 2 online events, one in July and one in August.

Haliburton Highlands Challenge for Abbey Retreat Centre. We had a team “Walking 2 x 2 for ARC” consisting of Mary Fox, Joan Grant, Marybeth Wilson and Pat Thornett and Jane Symons when available. We enjoyed our walks all over the county and raised \$3,165.00.

Sept. 19 – Oct. 10 Thanksgiving Food Bank Drive. We believe \$850.00 was donated.

October – Tweekies for M & S was cancelled.

December – Christmas gifts for Hyland Crest – We had a variety of gifts this year. Thanks to Joan Grant for arranging for teddy bears and other gifts. They would be delivered to their rooms so this worked. We hope Gifts with Vision and Christmas Baskets went well.

Places for People received a grant of \$1,000.00 from M & S. They raised over \$30,000.00 through the Highland Yard and over \$12,000.00 through Sleeping In Cars. They were unable to purchase Lakeview Motel but are working hard on a new development for Wallings Road in Haliburton.

Abbey Retreat Centre – a Trillium Grant allowed them to buy equipment and hire people for online events. Their retreats were online except for November when they had a small in-person retreat. They were approved for a \$5,000.00 M & S grant.

Knitting for Warmth – Mary met people in the church parking lot to gather squares and hand out yarn. The blankets are assembled at home and the group managed to complete 58 blankets in 2021. Total blankets from start were 2671 with 87,854 squares. Nogojiqanong Friendship Centre is a new client.

Guaranteed Liveable Income – Our committee purchased signs and bumper stickers to promote this.

Mission & Service – Our Pastoral Charge remitted \$18,186.00 which well exceeded our objective and is an excellent accomplishment during Covid.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE PROJECTS!

Pat Thornett

Protocol Ad Hoc Committee Annual Report

The purpose of this Ad Hoc committee, as created by the Unified Board, was to develop COVID-19 safety protocols for Highland Hills Pastoral Charge (HHPC), Highland Hills United Church (HHUC) and Maple Lake United Church (MLUC) where appropriate.

By mid-year, it was becoming more clear that public places were opening up with protocols. This year the committee helped Maple Lake United Church (MLUC) develop protocols based on the samples of Highland Hills United Church (HHUC). This helped MLUC re-open for In-Person worship on August 8th, 2021. HHUC decided to open in September and then postponed to October 24th, 2021.

The committee also recommended a metric that the Royal Canadian Army Cadets use to determine when a group meeting In-Person should consider going back to using Zoom only. This metric was approved as a guide by the Unified Board and put into use just prior to Christmas when the Omicron variant of COVID-19 began to surge in Ontario and worldwide.

We all look forward to the day when the threat of COVID-19 subsides, and we can set aside these protocols to resume worshipping together In-Person in the familiar way that we have grown accustomed to. Until then, we pray that these safety protocols help us to stay safe while we strive to offer limited meeting space and worship services. Thank you from all of us to all of you for your cooperation in following the protocols to the best of your ability.

Members: Rev. Max Ward (Moderator), Jan Heffer and Andy Cooper

Rev. Max Ward

Statistics 2021

	Highland Hills (Minden)	Maple Lake	Other	TOTAL
MARRIAGES	-	-	20	20
BAPTISMS	-	-	-	-
FUNERALS	-	-	6	6
TRANSFERS IN	-	-	-	-
TRANSFERS OUT	-	-	-	-

BAPTISMS for 2021

None

TRANSFERS IN:

None

TRANSFERS OUT:

None – other than by way of death

MARRIAGES 2021

February 27th Christa Hume & Michael Burke
Carnarvon Residence

March 14th Margaret O’Sullivan & David Slokar
Minden Hills Residence

April 16th Brian Reid & Tessa Shields
Minden Hills Residence

June 19th Melissa Sutton & Jonathan Fullard
Haliburton Residence

August 13th Brodie Clancy & David Cote
Fort Irwin Residence

August 14th Emily Nesovic & Ryan Bousher
Sir Sam’s Inn, Eagle Lake

August 21st Krista Barnard & Daniel Van Nood
Haliburton Residence

August 28th Melanie Taylor & Traviss Ayres
Providence United Church, Bobcaygeon

August 28th Hasan Aygun & Stephanie Bowie
Minden Residence

September 4th Jacob Beaumont & Kathryn King
Bracebridge Residence

September 11th Natalie Lapointe & Matt Ganzeboer
Huntsville Residence

September 11 th	Shara Gibson & John Friedl Kiosk Residence
September 18 th	Penny Bracey & Robert Vaughan Minden Hills Residence
September 18 th	Trever Cook & Emily Marangon Algonquin Highlands Residence
September 19 th	Christina Berning & William Howden Wilberforce Residence
September 23 rd	Melissa Caines & Robert Wiltshire Glebe Park, Haliburton
September 25 th	Michelle Ortila Thompson & Jojac Villa Lochaven, Algonquin Highlands
September 25 th	Valerey Pedersen & Matthew Leclair Irondale Residence
October 1 st	Donald Tickner & Brenda Spiece Rotary Park, Minden
November 27 th	Danielle Guilbault & Justin Patfield Carnarvon Residence

IN MEMORIAM

...In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.
-A New Creed

We place our hope in God.

We sing of a life beyond life and a future good beyond imagining:
a new heaven and a new earth, the end of sorrow, pain, and tears,
Christ's return and life with God, the making new of all things.

We yearn for the coming of that future, even while participating in eternal life now.
-A Song of Faith

Due to COVID-19, fewer funeral services have taken place compared to a typical year. The people listed below have been compiled as best as possible, but we apologize for any omissions.

Bill Prentice
Mabel Deacon
Grenville Griffin
Roean Barnhart
Kathy McKelvey-Brown
Allan Upton

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Worship and CE Report

2021 was another challenging year for all of us! During these prolonged COVID-19 times, we are fortunate to be able to continue to gather for worship using Zoom. We appreciate the leadership provided by our minister, Rev. Max Ward and Music Director, Melissa Stephens. Their technical knowledge and willingness to try new things has allowed us to meet virtually each week since the pandemic began in early 2020. Assistance from co-hosts Andy Cooper, Emily Austin-Ward, Mary Trepanier, Pat Thornett and Rebekah Chevalier has eased Max's Sunday morning stress.

When case numbers were decreasing, the Unified Board approved COVID protocols for safe re-opening of our buildings, including screening questions, hand sanitizing, indoor masking, physical distancing, proof of vaccination and contact tracing. The Maple Lake congregation began to meet in-person in August. Highland Hills UC waited a little longer, providing a Zoom service for the pastoral charge, re-opening for in-person attendance in late October, and continuing to offer our Sunday service virtually. Unfortunately, the new variant Omicron, which spreads quickly, encouraged us to return to virtual services by Christmas Eve.

We appreciated the worship leadership provided by LLWL Debbie Sherwin, Rev. Mary Margaret Boone, Rev. John Patterson, Rev. Paul Reed and Rev. Marybeth Wilson which allowed Max study leave and vacation time. With the pandemic continuing this year, Max offered to postpone his scheduled sabbatical time until 2022.

Concerning Christian Education, VIBE offered a no-cost 8-day virtual camp for children during the summer. Since reopening at HHUC in October, Barb Braker has prepared activities for any children attending.

During Lent, a dozen people gathered on Zoom to share thoughts and insights while reading through the study "Faith on the Move".

To learn more about the laws governing First Nations people in Canada, over 20 people read "21 Things You May Not Know about The Indian Act" by Bob Joseph and met virtually for discussion led by Debbie Sherwin. We hope to have a final session or two on this topic soon.

We look to the year ahead with hope, with gratitude to our minister, and music director who have kept us together in spite of the challenges.

Janet Heffer

Highland Hills United Church Reports
Financial Reports

Highland Hills United Church

Financial Activity 2021 and Budgets 2021 & 2022 (Summary)

		<u>3010 General Fund</u>		
		<u>Actual 2021</u>	<u>Budget 2021</u>	<u>Budget 2022</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>				
4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts	\$102,607.47 *	\$99,700	\$105,650
4120	Gifts from Other Registered Charities	\$5,232.66	\$0	\$5,000
4200	Non-Receipted Gifts	\$45.00	\$0	\$0
4500	Interest Income	\$460.49	\$0	\$14,000
4600	Proceeds from Sale of Assets	\$200.94	\$0	\$0
4700	Income from Buildings	\$625.00	\$1,500	\$1,500
4720	Non-Receipted Fundraising Revenue	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$5,000
4730	Grants	\$3,373.00	\$1,000	\$0
4750	Transfers to General Fund	\$0.00	\$12,000	\$0 *
4800	Other Revenue	\$600.00	\$0	\$0
4900	Sales Tax Recovered	\$3,583.35 *	\$8,000	\$0 *
TOTAL REVENUE		\$116,727.91	\$127,200	\$131,150
<u>EXPENSE</u>				
5000	Administration	\$85,435.65	\$85,370	\$104,430 *
5010	Other Expenses	\$257.19	\$800	\$500
5150	Occupancy Costs	\$16,339.62	\$17,900	\$18,400
5300	Contract Services	\$9,501.91	\$10,600	\$10,750
5400	Work in the Community	\$500.00	\$800	\$800
TOTAL EXPENSE		\$112,034.37	\$115,470	\$134,880
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		\$4,693.54	\$11,730	-\$3,730

Notes(*):

2021 Actual

4000 - 2021 budget assumed 4000 & 4120 combined

4900 - 2021 budget assumed tax on lift expenses in 2021

2022 Budget

4750 - requested from Trustees on an as required basis

4900 - no budget as these funds become Accounts Receivable

5000 - increase in HHPC assessment

4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts
5540	Benevolence Fund Expense

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts
5550	Mission & Service Fund Remittances

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

REVENUE

4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts
4500	Interest Income
4730	Grants
4740	Transfer to Building Fund
4800	Other Revenue

TOTAL REVENUE

TOTAL EXPENSE

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

5530	Building Fund Expense (Kitchen)
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

4720	Non-Receipted Fundraising Revenue
5530	Building Fund Expense (Storage)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

4730	Grants
5530	Building Fund Expense (Technology)

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

4000	Tax-Receipted Gifts
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

3020 Benevolent Fund

\$320.00
\$465.00

-\$145.00

3030 Mission & Service Fund

\$16,306.00	\$14,000
\$16,306.00	\$0

\$0.00 **\$14,000**

3051 Building Fund

\$1,147.00	\$2,500	\$1,000
\$2,586.97	\$0	\$1,100
\$1,000.00	\$0	\$0
\$0.00	\$3,000	\$20,000
\$663.00	\$0	\$0

\$5,396.97 **\$5,500** **\$22,100**

\$0.00 **\$20,000** **\$20,000**

\$5,396.97 **-\$14,500** **\$2,100**

3052 Kitchen Fund

\$6,087.08	\$0	\$0
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-\$6,087.08 **\$0** **\$0**

3053 Storage Fund

\$50.00	\$2,335	\$0
\$0.00	\$2,000	\$0

\$50.00 **\$335** **\$0**

3054 Technology Fund

\$3,110.00	\$3,000	\$0
\$92.92	\$3,000	\$3,000

\$3,017.08 **\$0** **-\$3,000**

3130 Memorial Fund

\$665.60

\$665.60

Highland Hills United Church

Statement of Financial Position as of 12/31/2021

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ASSETS

1000	Chequing Account	\$42,661.22
1260	Federal Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	\$213.09
1270	Provincial Sales Tax Rebate Recoverable	\$594.71

1500 Long Term Investments

1510	Investments Capital Fund	\$369,929.74
1515	Investments Planned Giving Fund	\$8,891.50
1520	Investments Kirkwood Reserve Fund	\$226,375.90
1530	Investments Other Investments Fund	\$26,037.62

TOTAL - Long Term Investments \$631,234.76

TOTAL - ASSETS

\$674,703.78

LIABILITIES and FUNDS

3000 Unrestricted Funds

3010	General Fund	\$18,976.65
3020	Benevolence Fund	\$320.00
3030	Mission & Service Fund	\$0.00
3050	Building Funds	\$17,957.96
3060	Music Fund	\$2,657.76

TOTAL - Unrestricted Funds \$39,912.37

3100 Restricted Funds

3110	Capital Fund	\$369,929.74
3120	Kirkwood Reserve Fund	\$226,375.90
3130	Memorial Fund	\$3,556.65
3140	Planned Giving Fund	\$8,891.50
3150	Other Investments Fund	\$26,037.62

TOTAL - Restricted Funds \$634,791.41

TOTAL - LIABILITIES and FUNDS

\$674,703.78

Choir Report

The 2020 Choir report ended with the hope that we would soon be back together again as a choir family – pursuing our love of music in person as we prepared to assist with weekly worship services in the church.

And here we are!

Our little choir family has continued to stay in touch individually and through the occasional Zoom chat. We certainly look forward to the day when COVID will be contained enough to allow for more freedom to congregate. Meanwhile, we thank the Unified Board for their hard work and wisdom as they seek to keep us all safely in touch through Zoom.

We are looking forward to trying Zoom rehearsals in order to prepare music for the Easter season—in case we are able to have in-church services again. Time will tell how that works out.

Two of our members assisted Melissa and presented instrumental solos on occasion - thank you Jessie and Jane. On the first day of our very short-lived return to restricted in-person worship, we were treated to a beautiful welcome in the form of Bless This House by one of our members – thanks Sheelagh.

On Christmas Eve, two of Sheelagh’s granddaughters sang during the service.

Special thanks to Melissa for her untiring efforts to assist Rev. Max with weekly services, technical knowledge, endless discussion and planning to make things go well. Her Ministry of Music each week has been inspiring and an anticipated part of the service.

Once again, we look forward with hope to the future – unknown as it is at this time.

Happy New Year – please keep safe - we will get through this.

Joan Chapple, on behalf of the Choir

Pastoral Care Committee Report

Highland Hills Pastoral Charge is fortunate to have many caring individuals who maintain contact with our members and adherents, particularly those who live on their own or who face various health issues. Especially during this past year, when the Covid-19 pandemic continued to keep us isolated from social contact, phone calls were made by members of the Pastoral Care Committee, keeping people connected to our faith community.

Two of the committee’s long-time members stepped aside this year. We express our gratitude to Bea Berry and Kathy Harrison for their dedicated care and kindness over many years.

As well, we thank those who continue to be our regular callers: Irene Alexander, Nancy Ballantyne, Barbara Braker, Willie and Jack Cox, Joan and Bruce Down, Gail Flook, Elinor Hamilton, Jerry Rome, Barb Parish, Susan Sisson, Dale Toye, Irma Walker, and Wilma Warne.

Barb Parish, Co-chair and Marybeth Wilson, Co-chair

Property Report

This past year we closed in a lower storage area with additional shelving and added a corral for chairs.

We assisted the UCW in having new cabinets installed on the outside wall as well as insulating that same wall.

We brought the emergency lighting and fire extinguishers all up to code.

We are in the process of replacing all the smoke alarms as they are all out of date.

We installed new dusk to dawn lights at the 2 lower doors which are functioning well.

Thanks to Bruce Down and Brian Austen for all their assistance for the above projects.

Thanks also to Paul Rutledge for continuing to keep the church respectable and the snow shovelled.

Neil Darby, Chair

LIFT UPDATE – January 2022

During this past year we made contact with an architectural firm from Huntsville. We have received a services proposal from Duncan Ross Architect with regards to potentially starting down the road to installing a lift.

The proposal contains information relating to drawings for the potential location of the lift within the church including all necessary measurement and design to meet our requirements as a church and those of the Ontario Building Code. Once the church approves them Mr. Ross would submit them for a building permit at our direction.

The committee has laid out a rough outline in the church of where the location for the lift would be.

The cost for this services proposal is between \$10,000 and \$12,000. This is awaiting approval before proceeding any further.

Committee: Bruce McLennan, Erskine Flook, Fred Chapple, Tanya Warne

Neil Darby, Acting Chair

Fundraising Report

Due to covid-19 there was only one fundraising event in 2021.

Bruce Down raised \$245.00 with a lunch programme at Wintergreen Pancake House.

When permitted we will return to our regular fundraising programme.

Tom Parish

Trustees Report

The Trustees continued to manage the long-term financial assets of the Church. The bulk of these assets are with Canaccord Genuity and Bruce and Ross meet by phone at least twice per year with the portfolio manager to review the investments. The portfolio consists of GICs, balanced Exchange Traded Funds and preferred shares all with a conservative outlook. Performance of the portfolio over the year was generally good and as expected.

Early in the year, the Trustees on behalf of the Church, made a donation to the Indigenous Ministries of the UCC in the amount of \$7497 representing 10% of the sale of the vacant lot in Carnarvon. This is consistent with our agreement with the UCC on sale of the land.

We have updated the Policy on Insurance Requirements for Groups and Events for those using the Church. Any outside party not directly tied to Highland Hills UC must have insurance to use our facilities. The process for obtaining the needed insurance is easy and relatively inexpensive. The Board should be consulted on any use of the Church as Board approval is required.

Our insurer, HUB International has requested an up-to-date replacement appraisal of the Church and Manse. The last one was completed in 2006. The Trustees are in the process of having this appraisal completed.

Presented by the Trustees of HHUC – Bruce McClennan (Chair), Ross McMullen, Joan Chapple, Brian Austen, Wes Lytle, Max Ward, Tom Davidson

Bruce McClennan

Highland Hills United Church Women Report

We held six meetings during the year on Zoom. November we were able to have a face-to-face meeting in the lower hall of the church. We had to follow all the protocols but still felt it worthwhile. Eleven ladies attended and enjoyed the fellowship.

We were invited to the Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial UCW Annual on Zoom. 4 ladies attended and thanks to Mary Trepanier for providing the entertainment (Mother's Clothesline). Mary also helped with the shared screens. The offering was designated for Women for Change in Zambia and our UCW gave \$100.00 to the cause.

Our ladies were still busy making face masks for the school. We donated almost 300 this year. Many thanks go to Cindy O'Hanley who made about two thirds of them.

Max helped us Zoom the World Day of Prayer Service which they made available. We invited the other churches to Zoom with us, but few attended. Their program was interesting.

May 6th was the Bay of Quinte UCW Annual meeting on Zoom. I attended. Barb Holbart spoke about the items in our purpose and how we fulfill them. They are witness, study, fellowship, and service.

We received a challenge to all UCWs to donate \$215.00 to the United Church Healing Fund. We watched a video about the Healing Fund which supports indigenous gatherings. Our group was happy to take part in this acknowledgement of the 215 unmarked graves of native children that were found.

Mary Trepanier initiated a project to make sanitary pad kits for Indigenous communities. She and her helpers, Marilyn Burrows and Mary Fox created over 25 kits. These were donated to the Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre in Peterborough along with 15 blankets from Knitting for Warmth. This centre serves Indigenous people in Peterborough and area and also shares with other centres located all over the province. In September Rebekah Rego from the centre spoke to our meeting about the many programs they offer for Indigenous people. We also supported them with \$400.00.

The \$473.00 we invested in KIVA (micro loans) has now grown to \$2,450.00 that has helped 94 groups or individuals in 42 countries.

We made two appeals for funds from the ladies of the church during the year. In lieu of the food and work normally volunteered. These were generously supported and enabled us to continue to contribute to many causes. (See Financial Report). Thanks to all who donated.

Early in the year new cupboards from the dishwasher to the stove were approved. Thanks to Neil Darby and Bruce Down for removing the old cupboards and insulating that wall. The new cupboards were installed by August but no counter tops. We had planned on stainless steel but that didn't work out, so a laminate countertop was proposed to the Unified Board and approved. We hope it will be installed early in 2022.

Our greatest thanks go to Barb Braker and Sue Sisson who continue to send cards to keep us in touch while we are shut in. They did a great job.

Thanks to all who have attended meetings and supported us during 2021. We look forward to better days in 2022 and possibly some fund raising.

Co Chairs: Pat Thornett & Barb Braker, Treasurer: Joan Grant, Card Convenors: Barb Braker & Sue Sisson, Secretary – Mary Trepanier

Pat Thornett

Financial Statement Summary for Highland Hills UCW

Opening Balance January 1, 2021 \$ 3,815.24

INCOME:

UCW Offerings	\$ 2,750.00
Scotia Bank Interest	25.07
Our Daily Bread pamphlets donations	<u>15.00</u>
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u> IN 2021	<u>2,790.07</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,605.31

EXPENSES:

Donations United Church

Mission & Service (Treasurer of United Church of Canada)	1,000.00
World Development	100.00
Bursary Fund	100.00
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac	200.00
Five Oaks	200.00
National UCW	50.00
United Church of Canada- "Healing Fund"	215.00
Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial UCW- "Women for Change"	100.00
* Other Community Donations (see separate list attached below)	2,700.00

Operating Expenses:

Kawartha Highlands Presbyterial UCW-5% allocation	50.00
- Rally speaker	15.00
Card Convenors	300.00
New UCW cheques	62.27
Bank fees	48.00
Christmas Gifts	<u>200.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2021 **5,340.27**
BALANCE December 31, 21 **\$ 1,265.04**

*** OTHER COMMUNITY DONATIONS LIST:**

Minden Food Bank	\$ 200.00
Fuel For Warmth	400.00
YWCA- Hers	600.00
Our Daily Bread	50.00
Can.Cancer Society (Wheels of Hope)	400.00
Point-In-Time (Food For Kids)	200.00
Christmas Basket Candies	50.00
A Place Called Home	400.00
Nogojwanong Friendship Centre	<u>400.00</u>

TOTAL: **\$ 2,700.00**

**Investments in perpetuity with Scotia Bank in Lindsay (only interest can be used)
 \$2,000.00 in memory of Olga Myles & \$2,000.00 in memory of Dr. Jamieson**

Joan Grant, Treasurer Highland Hills UCW

Maple Lake United Church Reports

Maple Lake United Church Chair Report

I would like to thank the Maple Lake Team for the efforts made during the last year.

Due to changing Covid-19 restrictions, as of the end of 2021, we can only meet with five persons inside a building or ten persons outside a building.

We have a number of trustees that are away till the end of April each year.

Health Department guidelines on how and where food and refreshment can be served were recommended to us last year. It was recommended that only store-bought prepackaged items could be used upstairs in the church.

Two more kitchen sinks were put in; a small one for hand washing and another as a disinfection rinse sink for food handling utensils – renovation completed in 2021.

The installation of a propane furnace to save money has resulted in savings in 2021. I have consulted with each committee chair and offer these comments and reports below from the Worship, Pastoral Care, and Property committees.

Housekeeping - Assistance over the year from Christena Barry was certainly appreciated by Betty Berry. As they say the more hands make for easier work and less time for those involved. *Betty Berry*

Worship Committee Report Statics - Church opened for Service August 8th, 2021

DATE	ATTENDANCE	NOTE
August 8 th	9	
August 15 th	10	
August 22 nd	11	
August 29 th	7	
September 5 th	6	
September 12 th	11	
September 19 th	6	
September 26 th	8	
October 3 rd	7	
October 10 th	8	
October 17 th	4	
October 24 th	5	
October 31 st	5	
November 7 th	7	
November 14 th	6	
November 21 st	16	<i>Future of MLUC Mtg after church</i>
November 28 th	3	
December 5 th	4	
December 12 th	4	
December 19 th	3	

Attendance for the 20 Services equals - 140 people

12 people donated to the Food Sunday Service on October 17th

13 church services with more than 5 people in attendance

7 church services with attendance of 5 or under persons

Larry Giles, MLUC Chair

Maple Lake United Church 2021 Annual Meeting

At Maple Lake United Church, Sunday January 31st, 2021

The meeting opened at 11 a.m. with Chairperson, Larry Giles, welcoming everyone attending the meeting virtually or by telephone.

Attendees were: Rev. Max Ward, Larry Giles, Deloris Bailey, Beverly and Allan Upton, John and Thea Patterson, Albert and Judy Carpenter, Shirley Johnston, Betty Berry, Don and Christena Barry, Pat Marshall, Milton and Elizabeth Sheppard, Glenna Koehler. (Total of 17).

Rev. Max Ward then opened the meeting with prayer.

Deloris Bailey made the motion to accept the meeting agenda of January 31, 2021, seconded by Pat Marshall.

Christena Barry moved the Minutes from the February 2, 2020, Maple Lake United Church A.G.M., and the update of June 6, 2020, be approved. Beverly Upton seconded the motion.

Beverly Upton presented the financial report for 2020 and the proposed budget for 2021. Beverly commented on how exceptionally well Maple Lake U.C. had financially done in 2020, with all the restrictions due to Covid-19. The donation of \$5,000 from the Warren Service Estate and the HST rebate of \$3,000 for the past four years, helped to increase the Revenue for 2020. No one had any questions about the financial report.

Beverly's proposed budget for 2021 is less than last year, again due to Covid-19. We cannot gather physically at our Church in Maple Lake, so it has affected our income and expenses. Insurance rates have increased, and no water testing is needed because the Church building is not being used during the pandemic.

Sunday church services are being held virtually, so Rev Max Ward does not need to travel to Maple Lake U.C. for Sunday services. Rev. Max stated the Pastoral Charge Budget will not be set until February. Beverly Upton made the motion to accept the proposed budget for 2021. Albert Carpenter seconded the motion. Carried.

Committees and Representatives for the year 2021 are as follows:

Chair – Larry Giles

Vice-Chair – Albert Carpenter

Secretary – Deloris Bailey

Treasurer – Beverly Upton

Music Director – Kathleen Owens

Ministry & Care – Pat Marshall

Pulpit Supply – Rev. Max Ward

Envelope Steward – Allan Upton

Presbytery Representative – Thea Patterson

Property Committee – Albert Carpenter, Pat Marshall, Allan Upton

Housekeeping – Betty Berry & Pat Marshall

Outreach Representative – Thea Patterson

Rentals of the Church – Albert Carpenter

Worship Committee – Deloris Bailey, Albert Carpenter, Larry Giles

Memorial Fund – Beverly Upton, Albert Carpenter

Trustees – Allan Upton, Albert Carpenter, Kathleen Owens

Pat Marshall moved to approve the positions for 2021. Seconded by Don Barry.

Larry Giles read a letter sent to the Highland Hills U.C. from Sarah Charters, Acting Director of Philanthropy. It was a letter of thanks for the gift of \$20,604.64 to support the healing and reconciliation work of the National Indigenous Circle. This money came from the sale of the Zion church properties in Carnarvon.

Those present at our meeting received the Maple Lake United Church reports for 2020.

Thea Patterson gave a verbal report on the Outreach Committee, as Barbara Walford-Davis had given a written report in the Highland Hills Pastoral Charge Annual Report 2020. Thea asked if anyone from the Maple Lake congregation would like to attend the virtual Outreach Committee meetings along with her.

Deloris Bailey and Shirley Johnston agreed to attend these meetings with Thea.

Beverly Upton reported a total of \$2,479.40 in 2020 from Fund-Raising for Maple Lake U.C. Beverly commented this amount was remarkable with not being able to hold any dinners due to Covid-19, which is our main fund-raiser.

Beverly Upton made the motion to accept all committee and fund-raising reports. Seconded by Christena Barry.

Sadly, there will be no Valentine Concert this year, because of restrictions due to Covid-19.

At present, pop cans are not being accepted, and there has been very little profit. Presently there is \$19.15 in the Sap Bucket, which was not included in the Fund-Raising Report 2020. Honey sales and the door-open pie sale did very well.

It was decided to hold an open-door pie sale again this year if the cost for pie filling is reasonable.

Christena Barry said she will make some meat pies to sell at the pie sale too if the cost of meat is not too expensive. Beverly Upton suggested getting a deal from a local grocery store because prices are increasing.

Christena Barry wondered if the carbon monoxide detector downstairs at the church needed to be replaced, and if there should be smoke detectors. It was decided there should be a carbon monoxide detector upstairs as well as downstairs. Christena is willing to check out the cost of two carbon monoxide detectors.

Albert thinks that smoke detectors might need to be wired in.

Albert has done shoveling at the church and would appreciate help. Albert also checks the church building twice each week for insurance purposes. He keeps a record of when he checks the church. Albert and Pat will arrange to check the church building at different times.

Larry reported that Ray Campbell had been in the hospital, and asked Max to include him on the Prayer List. Ray had a few falls and is home now.

Rev. Max reported that Kathleen Owens is now at the Haliburton Hospital, recuperating from her hip surgery.

Rev. Max encouraged us to continue talking to each other, to keep each other strong during this pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer from Rev. Max at 11:38 a.m.

Pastoral Care Report

Happy New Year to everyone, and a big thank you to all who kept information flowing smoothly. The few weeks our Church was reopened, it was nice to rekindle our passion for our little Church. However, over these past 2 years Covid has diminished what we can accomplish. The smiles and enthusiasm we have is the only thing contagious. Going forward is uncertain, with a very changing world, due to interactions, economy, and lifestyles.

We pray for a safer and healthier 2022.

Pat Marshall

Maple Lake United Church Financial Report

Sadly, it is a rather discouraging financial report this year, although under the trauma of 2021, not surprising. It has been a difficult year for so many – both emotionally and financially.

REVENUE is only at 67% due to the unfortunate closing of our church doors and loss of in-house services, declining membership, and the inability to fund raise. We did receive a very generous donation which helped considerably. The fundraising of \$19.15 was from our sap bucket where the congregation drop in loose coins, other income was from the government HST refund.

EXPENSES – were controlled to the best of our ability. Due to closure the hydro was kept down, and water testing was not necessary. Maintenance was up due to roof repairs, administration was up due to extra mail to encourage support and recruit new members.

BUDGET 2022 – Insurance rates did not go up due to our claim, however, rates in general have increased 15% for 2022. United Church assessment has increased by \$1,440. Unfortunately, we had to decrease our M and S to a more realistic figure, totally eliminated the cost for the organist and programs, and decreased hydro.

FUTURE OF MAPLE LAKE – Due to the aforementioned – some tough decisions need to be made. Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2022, and a decision will be initiated at that time.

1. *CONTINUE ON...* with much needed additional support.
2. *PERMANENTLY CLOSE...* the building and AMALGAMATE the congregation with another United Church congregation.
3. *PERMANENTLY CLOSE...* the building and DISBAND the congregation encouraging our members and adherents to attend the church of their choice.

Any voting at the annual meeting will be done by church members.

Beverly Upton, Treasurer

Maple Lake United Church Budget 2022

MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH

BUDGET -2022

	ACTUAL 2021	BUDGET 2021	BUDGET 2022
<u>INCOME</u>			
Offerings	9,419.98	13,000.00	14,160.00
M & S	780.00	1,500.00	800.00
Donations	2,570.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
Fundraising	19.15	3,300.00	2,685.00
Other	787.30	1,000.00	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$13,576.43	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 20,645.00

EXPENSES

Pastoral Charge	12,720.00	12,720.00	14,160.00
M & S	780.00	1,500.00	800.00
Insurance	1,452.24	2,300.00	2,700.00
Hydro	489.99	800.00	500.00
Fuel	2,446.41	2,500.00	2,000.00
Water Testing	00.00	70.00	70.00
Hot Water Tank	204.30	200.00	200.00
Mtn./ Hskp.	857.32	100.00	100.00
Administration	114.36	60.00	65.00
Bank Charges	7.00	0.00	0.00
Misc. expenses	50.00	50.00	50.00
TOTAL	\$19,121.62	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 20,645.00

Maple Lake United Church Actual to Budget

BUDGET TO ACTUAL – January 1 –Dec. 31, 2021- 100%

Revenue	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	%
Offerings	13,000.00	9,419.98	72
Mission and Service	1,500.00	780.00	52
Loose Offering		15.00	0
Visitor Offerings		205.00	0
Donations	1,500.00	2,350.00	
Fundraising	3,300.00	19.15	
Other income	1,000.00	787.30	79
Total Revenue	\$ 20,300.00	\$ 13,576.43	67%

Expenses			
Pastoral Charge	12,720.00	12,720.00	100
Mission and Service	1,500.00	780.00	52
Insurance	2,300.00	1,452.24	63
Organist	00.00	0	0
Hydro	800.00	489.99	60
Fuel	2,500.00	2,446.41	98
Water Testing	70.00	0	0
Hot Water Tank	200.00	204.30	102
Mtn. / Hskp.	100.00	857.32	
Programs	.00	0	0
Administration	60.00	114.36	
Bank Charges	0.00	7.00	
Misc. expenses	50.00	50.00	100
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$20,300.00	\$ 19,121.62	94%

Bank balance –Dec. 31/21	\$ 9,496.76		
Less o/s cheques	<u>- 852.44</u>	Memorial Fund -	
	\$ 8,644.32		
		Dec. 31, 2021	\$8,603.64
Book balance – Dec. 31/21	\$ 8,644.32		