

# Annual General Meeting

First United Church, Prince Rupert  
Sunday, February 27th, 2022  
Noon

Minister: Derry Bott  
DLM

Chair Of Council:  
Trish Banighen



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Everyone is Welcome Here

Agenda for the 2022 Annual General Meeting  
First United Church, Prince Rupert, B.C.  
Sunday, February 27, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Welcoming of Members and Guests
4. Opening Prayer
5. Approval of Agenda
6. Reading of the Vision and Mission Statement
7. Granting of Voting Rights to Adherents
8. Approval of minutes from 2021 AGM
9. Reports
  - a. Chair of Council
  - b. Minister's Report and Summary of Changes
  - c. Building and Finance
    - i) Building and Finance
    - ii) Fundraising
    - iii) Financial Review
    - iv) 2021 Financial Statements
    - v) Motion regarding use of Bequest Funds
    - vi) 2022 Budget
  - d. Worship Committee
  - e. Outreach
10. New Business
11. Nominating Committee
12. Commissioning and Benediction
13. Closing Prayer
14. Adjournment

# First United Church

Prince Rupert, BC

## Vision and Mission Statement

*"As First United Church in Prince Rupert  
We are commissioned by Jesus Christ  
And Guided by the Holy Spirit  
To be an agent of God's love in the world.*

*We carry out a ministry of worship,  
nurture and outreach:*

- by providing an atmosphere where spiritual growth can happen*
- by welcoming all people to a supportive, inclusive environment where they are free to share their journeys.*
- by being an instrument of God's peace and justice in our community and the World"*

Approved at a Special Congregational meeting Easter Sunday, April 11, 1993

## MINUTES

Annual General Meeting – First United Church, Prince Rupert, B.C.

February 21, 2021 via Zoom

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Trudy Martin (sec), Trish Banighen (chair), Hazel Bott, Derry Bott, Joe Hidber, Norma Hidber, Gil Anderson, Marko Kessler, Miranda Kessler, Robyn Martin, Tim DesChamp, Victoria Carter, Edith Casey, Evelyn Vogel, Jan Lemon, Lawrence Sankey, Kathleen Palm

CALL TO ORDER: 1148

CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM: confirmed

WELCOME TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Trish Banighen

OPENING PRAYER: Derry Bott

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion:** to accept agenda

Move: Tim DesChamp

Second: Jim Martin

**Agreed**

READING OF VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

GRANTING VOTING RIGHTS TO ADHERENTS

**Motion:** That Adherents be granted voting rights for the 2021 AGM

Move: Jim Martin

Second: Hazel Bott

**Agreed**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion:** to accept minutes of 2020 AGM as written

Move: Hazel Bott

Second: Joe Hidber

**Agreed**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

a) Chair of Council

- Written and presented by Trish Banighen. Trish reminded us to be mindful of those who are not connected to us online/social media and reach out to them.

b) Minister's Report and Summary of Changes

- Written and presented by Derry Bott. Various AGM participants thanked Derry for his thoughtful report and for his service to the congregation. After presenting the Summary of Changes, he reminded us to remember Danny Danes who recently passed away

c) Building and Finance

- Building: written and presented by Jim Martin. Aside from repairs to the lift, the only work on the church has been regular maintenance. Special thanks to Miranda for cleaning all the grease off the kitchen walls and ceiling and to Joe for painting said areas (even though he did it in 2021).
- Fundraising: written and presented by Robyn Martin. Robyn thanked all those who came up with creative ways to fundraise since we were unable to fundraise in the usual fashion. Hopefully we will be able to have a form of garage sale this year and may well have to rethink the manner in which the Fall Tea and Bazaar is presented. Turkey pies will still be sold and the Loonie Auction will happen!! The Pi Day turkey pie sale will happen on March 14 - logistics to be determined.
- Financial Review: written by Joanne Donohoe
- 2020 Financial Statements: presented By Hazel Bott. The good news is the bank account was in positive territory at the end of the year despite Covid-19.

**Motion:** to accept Financial Statements

Move: Hazel Bott

Second: Jim Martin

**Agreed**

- Proposed 2021 Budget: presented by Hazel Bott. This year's proposed budget was prepared by Hazel, Jim Martin and Joe and Norma Hidber via Zoom. Unfortunately, Jim and Hazel were unable to enjoy Norma's annual contribution of baked goods at the meeting. Regarding the National/Regional Assessment, there was no mention of Regional Assessment so only the National Assessment has been taken into account.

**Motion:** to accept Proposed 2021 Budget

Move: Hazel Bott

Second: Joe Hidber

**Agreed**

d) Worship

- written and presented by Robyn Martin. Robyn thanked Derry for conquering Zoom and cautioned us to remember and respect the fact that people in the congregation will have different comfort zones when we are finally able to gather again.

e) Loonie Auction

- written by Cheryl Robinson. Thank you Cheryl!

f) Outreach

- written and presented by Jim Martin

**Motion:** to accept all reports

Move: Joe Hidber

Second: Hazel Bott

**Agreed**

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Presented by Jim Martin

- Sheila McDonald has resigned as Chair of Ministry and Personnel Committee
- Sonja Kozmaniuk has resigned as Choir Director
- Nomination of Council Members for term ending in 2024: Norma Hidber, Joe Hidber and Victoria Carter were nominated and have accepted.
- Trish Banighen has agreed to renew her term as Trustee

**Motion:** That the above nominations be accepted

Move: Jim Martin

Second: Hazel Bott

**Agreed**

COMMISSIONING, BENEDICTION AND CLOSING PRAYER: Derry Bott

ADJOURNMENT: **Moved:** Kathleen Palm @ 1316

Following the AGM, the first meeting of the 2021 Council was set for March 7, 2021

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Trish Banighen

Note Taker: \_\_\_\_\_

Trudy Martin

## REPORT FROM CHAIR OF COUNCIL, AGM 2022

I wish I could think of something new to say. This time last year, we were anticipating a gradual return to normal. Now, after a series of ups and downs mostly due to that tiresome pandemic, we aren't even sure what "normal" is! However, we have found out that we can cope surprisingly well with some of our problems. We are hanging in there financially, without the fundraising events that we used to depend on. We are still having regular services, with only a few interruptions. Thanks to Derry, we have maintained our online presence throughout. We have learned to sing and even to record music while wearing masks. Even our food bank baskets continue to be filled, albeit somewhat more slowly than when we had greater attendance.

We all miss the social aspects of our church community, like pancake breakfasts, coffee time after church, potlucks, and fundraising activities like the bazaar, the summer market, and some garage sales. Once again, we are hopeful that these things will gradually be reinstated this year – or am I just repeating what I said in my last report?!?!?

The heads of committees will cover projects and plans that fall within their areas. I will only mention the recent repairs and replacements which have put a further strain on our finances. Council has begun discussion on possible fundraising projects to help with these, and I am sure that all members of our church community will do all they can to support these efforts. And I look forward to the possibility of our first study group in several years. So, in spite of the disappointment of not being back to "normal," we have some pleasant prospects to look forward to. Here's to being together again for coffee and conversation and shared tasks as a church family. Soon...

Respectfully submitted, Trish Banighen



Grace and peace to you in the name of the one in whose footsteps we follow.

I write this from the quiet of my home, where the gentle light and warmth from the fireplace pours into the living room and casts a glow of warmth and serenity. I feel cradled in the arms of love, somehow, preparing for the coming seasons. As I think of the devastating events of the past two years, the light and warmth pouring into our living room really has me wondering whether this liminal space is now a permanent reality. What we have been is gone. What we are to become is not yet here. We continue to live in this space of not knowing. This past year has been a year of continued restrictions with the way we worship and have relationship with each other, but it is clear: we are called to be in continued relationship with the earth and with all living things, including each other. Once again I must say "Thank you very much" to everyone for all of your support, patience, and guidance in the past year. Your willingness to help me learn and grow is wonderful. I also wish you all heartfelt thanks for the many gifts that each of you offer to our congregation and to the wider community which ensures that First United Church continues to be a safe and inclusive place for the community to gather in comfort and peace. Throughout this past year I have been involved in the wider community, even with Covid. I am involved with the Ministerial Association; with the Hospice Association, with the Royal Canadian Legion and the Aboriginal Community Services Society. It has been a privilege to serve this church, this congregation and community this past year and I look forward to the new and exciting challenges that this new year might bring and also to hopefully get back to some semblance of normality. I look forward to your feedback, both positive and negative, as it all helps me to grow and helps define my ministry with you. Every year is an opportunity to do better; to love God deeper, with more of our hearts and souls and minds, and to love one another in deeper and more meaningful ways than ever before. I would like to close with the following..... I pray that happiness be at your door. May it knock early, stay late and leave God's gifts of peace, love, joy and good health behind. There is a saying from the Franciscan Christian community I wish to leave you with today.

“Preach the gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.”

So let's rejoice and celebrate in our journey together through 2022!

Peace and Blessings to All  
Derry

### **Summary of Changes to Our Congregation in 2021**

#### **Deaths:**

Robert Daniel Danes  
Bernice Marie Llewellyn  
James Earnest Ferguson  
Michael Vern Arthur Trembley  
Emma Margaret Elizabeth Gladstone  
Helen Pauline Thompson  
Erick Christianson  
Elizabeth Trembley  
Donald Arthur Silversides

#### **Baptisms:**

Hunter Anthony Joseph Meggison

#### **Marriages:**

David & Terri Quinn  
Lloyd & Sherry Leask

## Building and Finance Report

In 2021 we continued our reduction of capital projects to a minimum due to the effects of Covid-19 on our church operations. Our maintenance activities were limited to cleaning and maintaining. One project that was able to be completed in 2021 was replacing the sink and taps in the front entrance bathroom. The sink had been purchased some years ago.

Once again the ceiling repair above the front door was pushed back. Some painting is also due on the ceiling in the sanctuary. These projects will remain on our "To-Do" list for when time and money allow!

At insurance renewal time we received notification of an additional increase in premiums over last year. We applied for a change in the deductible which helped keep the premium increase not as high as expected. Our insurance deductible had been set at \$1000 for many years but on the advice of Pacific Mountain Region Finances we increased it to \$5000. This had the effect of reducing our projected increase in premium to something more manageable.

Our user groups for the hall remained at 1 group meeting for NA on Friday nights and 1 AA group on Sunday nights. We also have a group of Sparks on Sunday Afternoon and 2 evening groups of Baden Powell Timberwolves and Otters on Tuesdays and Wednesday evenings.

I am continually astounded by the folks who do the very necessary but mostly invisible jobs of accounting, depositing, envelope secretary, worship committee and council. These folks provide much of the lifeblood of our church and the management of our funds! You deserve great thanks!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Martin Chair of Building and Finance      Feb 8, 2022



### The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it, and he did it left handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

## Fundraising Report

Once again, our fundraising efforts this year have been linked directly to public health orders and the careful reading of all the updates to ensure that what we want to do can be done. I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the fundraising efforts of the church this year, from donating turkeys, time, baking, jam, treasures in need of a new home and even giving a little extra to help make it all happen.

When it came time to have the events thank you to everyone who came out to help, taking orders and apologizing to people in cars as we quickly ran out of items during our drive through turkey pie sales, (more cinnamon buns next year, please!) At least this year it was not a hurricane and we were able to have sale in the transition from the torrential rain and wind of February through November to the never-ending snow of December. Unfortunately, we were not able to have our full slate of events this year, time getting away from us and unexpected life events happening but hopefully we are able to work towards having these events again this coming year.

One new event that we added to our fundraising calendar was our Pi Day Pie Sale in March. We whipped up 176 turkey pies and some of our talented members made up some fruit pies all which quickly sold out. We are happy to welcome this event back this year and we are adding a loonie auction to help supplement our fundraising efforts.

As I have said many times in the past, none of this without the talents and support of our community.

Thank you

Robyn



Jesus and Moses are golfing.

Jesus says, "Watch this drive. It'll be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and it lands in the lake.

Moses says, "I'll get it." He goes down to the lake, parts the water and retrieves the ball.

"Okay," Jesus says, "This time, it WILL be just like Tiger Woods." He hits the ball and again, it lands in the lake. Moses goes down, parts the lake and retrieves the ball.

"Third time is a charm," Jesus says. "Watch, just like Tiger Woods." And for the third time he hits the ball into the lake.

Moses says, "This time, you can get it yourself!"

As Jesus is down walking on the water looking for the ball, a crowd has formed. One guy says, "Who does he think he is, Jesus Christ?"

"No," Moses says. "He thinks he's Tiger Woods."



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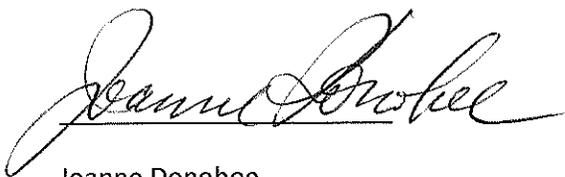
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Financial Review

I have examined the accompanying Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenue & Expenses and the Statement of Financial Position of the First United Church for the year ending December 31, 2021.

My examination included checking general Ledger transactions, payroll, receipts and disbursements and verification of the accounts with bank statements. I also reviewed the Council minute book.

In my opinion the financial statements accurately reflect the financial operations and recorded receipts and expenditures.



Joanne Donohoe

**First United Church**  
**Statement of Financial Position - ALL FUNDS**  
**As at December 31, 2021**

ASSETS

Bank - General NSCU		(4,210.72)
NSCU Membership Shares		26.32
Prepaid Expenses		356.71
Accounts Receivable		360.00
GST Receivable		178.27
Bank - Housing Account NSCU		
Restricted - Housing Account	529.93	
Restricted - Youth Group	253.22	
Restricted - Bequest Interest	172.13	
Restricted - Fundraising Expenses	-	
Restricted - Housing Allowance	5,700.00	
Less: Owing from General	<u>(1,181.93)</u>	
		5,473.35
Bequest - Restricted Harvest Term 2		25,633.94
2020,2021 Interest 814.20 (Split on payout)		
Housing Fund - Restricted Harvest Term 3		17,558.74
2020,2021 Interest 558.74 (to General on payout)		
		<u>45,376.61</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	745.43	
WCB Payable	32.27	
Payroll Deductions Payable	30.64	
Accrued Insurance	<u>1,221.66</u>	
		2,030.00
Net Assets representing Restricted and Unrestricted Funds		<u><u>43,346.61</u></u>

**First United Church**  
**Statement of Revenue and Disbursements**  
**For the Year Ending December 31, 2021**

**REVENUE**

General	34,309.00		
M & S	4,262.00		
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,286.00		
Envelope - Other	1,660.00		
Total Envelope Offering		41,517.00	
Other Received Donations		1,865.00	
<b>Total Received Donations</b>		<u>43,382.00</u>	
Loose Offering	432.45		
Designated - Unreceived	-		
Donation Boxes	15.00		
Fundraising	6,811.80		
Wedding Revenue	325.00		
Memorial/Funerals	2,025.00		
Space Use	<u>1,940.00</u>	11,549.25	
UC Foundation Grant		2,000.00	
Interest Income		747.08	
Other Revenue		24.20	Note 1
Transfer from Other Accounts		<u>500.00</u>	Note 2
Subtotal		58,202.53	
Less: M & S		<u>4,943.19</u>	Note 6
<b>TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE</b>		<b>53,259.34</b>	

**EXPENSES**

Salaries & Benefits	38,416.79		
Payroll Service	273.91		
Advertising	-		
Bank Charges & Interest	194.34		
Office Equipment Expense	518.17		
Elevator Expense	890.14		
Insurance	6,739.65		
Licenses & Dues	101.25		
Miscellaneous	-		
Broadview	73.20		
Office Expense	402.95		
Outreach	1,919.40		Note 3
National/Regional Assessment	2,716.00		
Repairs & Maintenance	2,253.09		Note 4
Supplies	47.05		
Telephone & Internet	1,809.27		
Transfer to Other Accounts	440.88		
Utilities	5,625.83		
Worship, Education, Music	<u>1,251.51</u>	63,673.43	Note 5
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<u>63,673.43</u>	
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<u><u>(10,414.09)</u></u>	

**First United Church**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**As at December 31, 2021**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Received Donations excluding M & S	38418.00	39120.00
Received M & S Donations	7184.50	4262.00
Loose, Donation Boxes	341.60	447.45
Fundraising	9610.25	6811.80
Assorted Space Usage	4765.00	4290.00
Interest Income & Other Income	1485.51	2771.28
Transfer from Other Accounts	500.00	500.00
	<u>62,304.86</u>	<u>58,202.53</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and Benefits	36493.14	38416.79
Operating Expenses	8556.29	7406.84
Capital Expenditures	0.00	518.17
Insurance	6026.19	6739.65
Presbytery Fees/National Assessment	3512.00	2716.00
Utilities	8187.69	7435.10
Transfer to Other Accounts	373.32	440.88
Total M & S	8121.05	4943.19
	<u>71269.68</u>	<u>68616.62</u>
Excess of Revenue over Expenses		
(Expenses over Revenues)	<u>(8964.82)</u>	<u>(10414.09)</u>
NET ASSETS OF THE GENERAL FUND, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>13436.30</u>	<u>4,471.48</u>
NET ASSETS OF THE GENERAL FUND, END OF YEAR	<u>4,471.48</u>	<u>(5,942.61)</u>

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**As At December 31, 2021**

<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash - Bank	6064.79	(4184.40)
Add: Owning from Term # 3	255.70	558.74
Less: Owing to Bldg Account	(1184.85)	(1181.93)
GST Receivable	102.84	178.27
Prepaid Expenses & Other Receivables	875.52	716.71
Total Assets	<u>6114.00</u>	<u>(3912.61)</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts Payable	1208.49	745.43
Accrued Insurance	0.00	1221.66
Deferred Revenue	360.00	0.00
Receiver General	43.83	30.64
WCB Payable	30.20	32.27
Total Liabilities	<u>1642.52</u>	<u>2030.00</u>
NET ASSETS, REPRESENTING THE GENERAL FUND	<u>4471.48</u>	<u>(5942.61)</u>

**First United Church**  
**Notes to 2021 Financial Statements**

<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Transfer from other accounts</b>
	24.20 Photocopying		500.00 Fundraising Expenses
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 24.20		<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 500.00
<b>FUNDRAISING - NET</b>		<b>Note 4</b>	<b>Repairs &amp; Maintenance</b>
	460.00 Spring Fruit Pies		1523.87 Garbage bin
	947.00 Spring Turkey Pies		<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 729.22 Regular Maintenance
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 1407.00		2253.09
	4573.35 Fall Pie & Baking		
	831.45 Garage Sale/Books	<b>Note 5</b>	<b>Worship, Education &amp; Music</b>
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 6811.80 Fundraising		284.47 Offering Envelopes
	-115.00 25% of Fruit Pies to Grace UC		224.00 Zoom Subscription
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> -681.19 M & S on fundraising		26.60 Gathering
	6015.61 Net realized for local use		260.00 One license
			382.39 Seasons Fusion
			<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 74.05 Crafts
			1251.51
<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Outreach</b>	<b>Note 6</b>	<b>Total M &amp; S</b>
	1365.00 Grace United		4262.00 Receipted Donations
	410.00 Food bank (Envelope Donations)		<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 681.19 Fundraising (10% of Net)
	144.40 Acropolis, Congregation		4943.19
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/> 1919.40		

First United Church  
2022 Proposed Budget

<b>REVENUE:</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>	<b>2021 Actual</b>	<b>2022 Budget</b>
Env Donations - General	35,671.00	34,309.00	35,239.00
Env Donations - Building	1,000.00	1,286.00	1,250.00
Env Donations - Other	250.00	1,660.00	500.00
Env Donations -M & S	6,000.00	4,262.00	4,500.00
Other Received Donations	5,000.00	1,865.00	5,000.00
Loose Collection	500.00	432.45	600.00
Designated - Non Received	100.00	0.00	100.00
Donation Boxes	100.00	15.00	100.00
Fund Raising - Net	10,000.00	6,811.80	10,000.00
Wedding Revenue	500.00	325.00	600.00
Memorials/Funerals	3,000.00	2,025.00	3,000.00
Other Space Use	4,000.00	1,940.00	2,000.00
Interest Revenue	250.00	747.08	970.00
Other Revenue	350.00	24.20	50.00
UC Foundation Grant	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
tech Grant	0.00	0.00	450.00
Transfer from Restricted - Housing Allow	5,700.00	0.00	5,700.00
Misc Transfers - Other Accounts	500.00	500.00	3,500.00
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>72,921.00</b>	<b>58,202.53</b>	<b>73,559.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
Salaries & Benefits	40,000.00	38,416.79	40,000.00
Payroll Service	300.00	273.91	285.00
Advertising	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Charges & Interest	100.00	194.34	150.00
Equipment	600.00	518.17	900.00
Lift Maintenance	900.00	890.14	950.00
Insurance	6,575.00	6,739.65	7,000.00
Licences, Dues & Subscriptions	105.00	101.25	102.00
M & S Donations	7,500.00	4,943.19	5,000.00
Broadview Magazine	125.00	75.00	100.00
Office Expense	400.00	402.95	500.00
Outreach	700.00	1,919.40	500.00
National/Regional Assessment	2,716.00	2,716.00	2,497.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,500.00	2,253.09	4,600.00
Supplies	200.00	47.05	100.00
Telephone & Internet	1,800.00	1,809.27	1,900.00
Utilities	7,000.00	5,625.83	7,000.00
Worship & Education	1,200.00	1,251.51	1,300.00
Choir Music	100.00	0.00	100.00
Transfer Interest to Restricted Account	100.00	440.88	575.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>72,921.00</b>	<b>68,618.42</b>	<b>73,559.00</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>		<b>(10,415.89)</b>	<b>-</b>

## Worship Report

As we close out another unprecedented year, we take time to reflect, remember and celebrate our ability to gather no matter how that happened. We were able to worship together, then were required to be apart, then brought together again, then required to part again. It has been a roller coaster of emotions as we travelled this path that Derry has led us down, and we are once again thankful for his ability to adjust on the fly. We are thankful for those who have stepped up once again to help and lead services thus allowing Derry to take well deserved breaks. If anyone is interested in leading a service let us and we are more than happy to help. I have even finally written the instructions on how to run a ZOOM service.

A focal point for me this year was the coming together of the congregation following the tragic discovery of the graves of children who were sent from their homes and never returned. From this, we created the beautiful "Every Child Matters" Banner now on permanent display in our sanctuary along with the 215 hearts on the sanctuary windows. It is heartbreaking that it took a discovery like this to have us move forward on such an important piece and once again I wish to give my heartfelt thanks to Derry for leading our congregation through this difficult reckoning for our churches and country's history and how we find a path forward.

Moving forward, I hope that as a congregation we can come together more to create these displays of our faith.

Thank you

Robyn



**Life and Work of First United  
Church**

## 2021 Outreach Report

During the year of 2021 we continued to collect Food Items for the food bank in our baskets. Even though we did not have regular services for a good part of the year our donations built up. We were pleased to take approximately 1475 pounds of non perishable food and toiletries to help those in need who access the Food Bank. Thank you for all the donations and thank you to the Food Bank staff.

Even though we were unable to have regular pancake breakfasts this year, we were still able to buy for the food bank with targeted donations to the church. This year the amount of \$410 was donated and this, with the help of Save-On foods was turned into Frozen Burgers, Frozen Chicken Burgers, Veggie Burgers, Peanut Butter and Cookies which were all delivered, happily, to the Foodbank. Thank you all for the wonderful donations and once again thank you to the hard-working staff at the Salvation Army Food bank.



### **Delivering Smiles to the Food Bank 2021 Donations in lieu of Pancake Breakfast Bought Meat and staples for the Food Bank**

Christmas Treat Bags and Christmas Cards were created for the residents of Acropolis Manor, Summit Residence and our own seniors and delivered

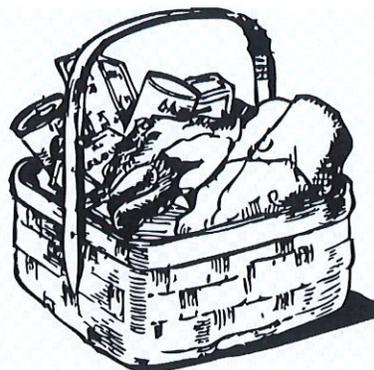
just before Christmas. This is a small but well received project, we have taken on over the past few years, with a small amount of funding from the Church Budget. It is good for us to remember that many folks have little or no contact with Family in long term care. Thank you to all for this worthwhile project.

At the end of January 2021 the community of Lax Kwalaams lost Grace United Church to fire. The beautiful old building was completely destroyed and this was devastating to the folks there. We accepted donations for the rebuilding program and these were directed to Pacific Mountain Region who had committed to matching funds. In addition when we held our Pie Day Sale we contributed the proceeds of fruit pie sales to the Grace United building fund. Thanks for all your work in supporting Grace United.

In an interesting turn of events, due to a fire in our neighbourhood, ESS (Emergency Social Services) needed a space to temporarily keep people in a warm and dry space, to rest and register. A member of our congregation who volunteers with ESS opened up the basement and invited the folks in. Thanks for taking the initiative to help people in need.

Our Warm things or Mitten Tree was up in the Sanctuary for Advent and we accumulated 2 boxes of Mittens, socks, scarves and hats. Some were purchased and many were handmade. These were donated through Transition house to distribute to those in need.

We are a small congregation but we try to have an impact in the wider community. None of this would be possible without the hard work of all. Please accept the thanks of all!



## 2021 Church Council

Minister: Derry Bott  
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A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, but yet know that he was safe.

Her neighbor learned about the mother's dilemma and offered to follow the young boy to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.

"I'm up early with my toddler anyway; it will be a good way for us to get some exercise as well," said the neighbor. The relieved mother agreed.

The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.

As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her"?

Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."

The friend said, "Well, who is she"?

"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied. "And her daughter Marcy."

"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us"?

"Well," Timmy explained. "Every night, my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"

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