



St. Davids-Queenston United Church

Annual Report

2019

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Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes  
 Sunday, February 24, 2019  
 Immediately following the Worship Service

1. **PRAYER:** The Rev. Paul James opened the meeting at 11:40 a.m. with a prayer.

**MOTION:** To extend voting privileges to all in attendance, except on the motions of church and spiritual policy and the Nominating Committee report. Moved by Karen Horbach; seconded by Bill Utting. **CARRIED**

2. **ELECTION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHAIR AND SECRETARY**

**MOTION:** To elect Steven Hardaker as the Congregational Chairperson and Marianne McRae as the Congregational Secretary (by acclamation). Moved by the Rev. Paul James. **CARRIED**

3. **2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

**MOTION:** To receive all reports as presented in the Annual Report of 2018 (including the Minutes from the previous Annual Congregational Meeting), except the 2019 Budget and Nominating Committee Reports. Moved by Pat McDougall; seconded by Larry McRae. **CARRIED**

4. **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Presented by Marianne McRae

Highlights include:

- Finished 2018 with and operating **deficit** of \$5,384.22
- There was a **7% decrease** in envelope givings over 2017 due to the loss of key members and supporters
- Revenue **must** increase in both envelope givings and fundraisers if we are to avoid a further deficit in 2019
- Loans from the Extension Council have been repaid in full leaving us in a good position should we require further grants and loans

Thanks were expressed to:

- Darlene Romanowsky for the detailed books she keeps
- Larry McRae for his 2 years as Treasurer and for preparing the budget
- Linda Elphick for agreeing to take on the job of Treasurer
- The organizers of fundraising initiatives (the beef-on-a-bun and games nights; the pie booth; the ham dinner; the yard sale etc.)
- The UCW for their financial support and their efforts in baking of meat pies monthly and for the annual bazaar
- Most of all to those who support the fundraising events

It was noted that the church faces huge changes and challenges ahead with Rev. Paul's retirement but we must remember that the church is not the Minister or the building but the people within.

## 5. 2019 OPERATING EXPENSE AND OPERATING INCOME BUDGET

Presented by Marianne McRae

A motion was passed at the Official Board meeting held on January 15, 2019 **that the official board approves the proposed operating expense and income balanced budget of \$175,668 and recommends its presentation to the congregation for approval.**

Highlights include:

- This budget is a slightly less than 1% increase over last year
- Increases are due to a modest increase in salaries for the Minister and Organist/Choir Director
- Request from the Trustees for a budget of up to \$6,000
- Regional Council dues are increased
- Higher expenses in general
- There were decreases in budgeted items which are mostly as a result of paying off the Extension Council loan and sabbatical costs we had in 2018
- Of note is the Proposed Income budget which outlines sources of program funding to include Envelope Givings of **\$153,953.**

**As a congregation, by approving the proposed budget for 2019, we are all committing to doing our parts to make it a successful year financially.**

**MOTION: That the Proposed Operating Expense and Income Budgets for 2019 be approved.**

**Moved by Marianne McRae; seconded by Larry McRae CARRIED**

## 6. MISSION AND OUTREACH FUND

Presented by Jill Dill

**MOTION: To commit to a goal of \$15,000 for our 2019 contribution to the Mission and Outreach Fund with the first \$10,000 being contributed to the United Church of Canada Mission and Service Fund for national and international projects and the remaining commitment to be used locally for mission and outreach projects in Niagara.**

**Moved by Nancy Utting; seconded by Val Zuk. CARRIED**

Discussion:

- The Outreach Committee will direct funds to local needs
- Concerns were expressed that many local groups are already raising funds for local needs.
- World issues are in more need than local ones
- Steve spoke to a need for funds locally for the Community Kitchen
- Concerns were expressed about donations decreasing with this change
- It was explained that we have still committed \$10,000 to head office. Previously a percentage that went there was for administration, but now none goes to admin.

## 7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presented by Steve Hardaker

Highlights include:

- 5 new nominees for Church Standing Committees that make up the Church Board
- Dianne Bergsma and Melanie Kelch are joining the Worship and Faith Life Committee
- Linda Elphick is being nominated as Treasurer and joining the Finance Committee
- John Krawiec is joining the Property Committee
- Lyndsay Gazzard is joining Ministry and Personnel
- Under the new proposed Church Board there are 2 nominees for At-Large members and they are Melanie Kelch and Sandra Macdonald
- Christine Lancaster is joining Mission and Outreach
- Fred van Nest is joining the Activities Committee
- Tim Andrews and Sandra Sinclair will become Trustees
- Dianne Bergsma has volunteered to join the Niagara Extension Council
- Both Larry McRae and Dianne Bergsma have declined joining the new Regional Council due to the increased travel and commitment. Volunteers are being sought to replace them
- Friendly Visitors are critically low in members. Volunteers are encouraged to join

**MOTION: To accept all positions as nominated. Moved by: Anne Dorland; seconded by Florence Turner CARRIED**

Thanks were expressed to:

- Martha Fleming, Lyndsay Gazzard and Sandra Macdonald who are retiring from Session
- Al DesRoches, Mike Macdonald and Sandra Sinclair who are leaving Finance
- Greg Smith who has moved away
- The late Don Slingerland and Bob Johnston
- Bob Sorley who is retiring from M & P
- Joan Dunn who is leaving Mission and Outreach
- Jill Dill who is leaving the Flower Committee
- Martha Fleming who is leaving the Activities Committee
- Marg Ballantyne, Rena Edgley, Christine Lancaster and Marianne McRae who are no longer Friendly Visitors

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### **Change to St. Davids-Queenston United Church Governance Structure**

Steve Hardaker reviewed the process undertaken to establish the proposed changes to the Governance structure. Highlights include:

- Each congregation within the United Church is responsible for having a governing body

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- Our church has traditionally used the model of the Committees of Stewards (our Finance Committee) and Session jointly forming the Official Board
- Last year, this Board included 42 members thus it was difficult to achieve good attendance and was proving to be inefficient
- The Official Board established a Governance Review Team with a mandate to review the current model and make recommendations to the Official Board and the Congregation for a new governance model
- The Review team was facilitated by the Rev. Doug Jones and included: Anne Dorland; Christine Earley; Lyndsay Gazzard; Carol James; the Rev. Paul James; Melanie Kelch; Sandra Macdonald; Larry McRae; Ginny Slingerland and Steve Hardaker
- The team met monthly reviewing the rich church history, how the present model has changed over the years, reviewing other church governance models and finally choosing the proposed “Church Board” model
- Under the proposed model, Session would be renamed the Worship and Faith Life Committee with 5 sub-committees and the Senior Choir reporting to it
- The Board would be made up of a Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer; the Minister; the Regional Council representative; Chairs of new Standing Committees; 2 from the Worship and Faith Life Committee; 2 “at-large” members and representatives from the UCW and Trustees
- The Standing Committees will be Worship and Faith Life; Finance; Property and Ministry and Personnel
- The Sub-Committees would be Christian Education; Mission and Outreach; Friendly Visitors; Flowers and Activities
- Under this model, the Church Board would have 14 members as the governing body
- The Official Board and Congregation have been kept informed of the changes being discussed
- At the January meeting of the Official Board, the following motion was passed:  
**That the proposed Governance Model presented to the Official Board be endorsed and brought forward to the congregation at the Annual Meeting for approval.**
- It was noted that members of each committee are elected by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting, so trust should be placed in those we have elected

**MOTION: To approve, as presented, the change in governance structure to a Unified Church Board to be known as the “Church Board”. Moved by Bill Utting; seconded by Lyndsay Gazzard. CARRIED**

### **Further New Business**

- It was announced that a new stained glass window in memory of Don Slingerland is to be installed in the narthex. Robert McCausland Ltd. will create and install the window featuring a disciple praying in a scene of wind-swept trees and a lake with a sunrise. Many thanks were expressed to Ginny Slingerland for this generous gift.
- The final draft of the Constitution is almost complete. Once a Mission Statement has been written, it will be ready.

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- The gas range in the kitchen needs to be replaced. Quotes are being sought for the range, venting and fire exhaust and suppression systems included. Budgetary quotes are around \$30,000. The question was asked if fundraising will be undertaken for this project and the reply was affirmative. A grant will be sought from the Extension Council of Niagara Presbytery. The Rev. Roy Harwood offered an initial donation of \$500 and challenged others to donate too.

**MOTION: That a new gas range and necessary exhaust and fire suppression systems be purchased. Moved by Nancy Lang; seconded by George Dunn.**

**CARRIED**

- Rev. Harwood further challenged the New Board to find programmes to attract new members
- Thanks were expressed to members of the Church staff including Stephanie Morley; Margaret Elia; Darlene Romanowsky; Lisa Brillion and the Rev. Paul James as well as the Chairperson of the Board, Steve Hardaker for another year of hard work and success

**MOTION: That the meeting be closed at 12:50p.m. Moved by Larry McRae; seconded by Doug McArthur. CARRIED**

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Community of Faith Profile  
 Congregational Meeting  
 Sunday, October 6, 2019

**PRAYER:** The Rev. Rick Hawley opened the meeting with prayer

**MOTION:** To extend voting privileges on all matters to all in attendance. Moved by Christine Earley; seconded by Bill Utting. **CARRIED**

**COMMUNITY OF FAITH PROFILE REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Melanie Kelch, Chairperson of the Search Committee presented a detailed account of the process undertaken to complete this document.

The Community of Faith Profile is not just about searching for a new minister. It is about faithful reflection and prayerful discernment about our ministry and community context.

Melanie explained the process as follows:

The Governing Body is responsible for preparing the profile including the living faith story. The purpose of the community of faith profile is:

- To articulate the community of faith's witness to the gospel
- To articulate the ministry needs of the community of faith
- To summarize the community of faith's resources and community context

The Profile includes the following sections: Living Faith Story, Demographics Worksheet, Real Property Worksheet and a Financial Viability Review.

The Search Committee prepared our Living Faith Story. It includes the following sections:

- Mission Statement
- Introduction
- History of St Davids-Queenston United Church
- Worship
- Leadership
- Pastoral Care
- Administration
- Faith Formation and Christian Education
- Self-Care
- Community Outreach and Social Justice
- Denomination and Communities

In each of these sections, information about our Community of Faith and our needs/requirements for our new minister are included. In order to complete this document, the committee consulted with the congregation by creating a questionnaire for their input. The questions that were asked were:

- What Characteristics are important to you in our New Minister?
- How important to you is it to you that a Minister visits when he/she knows you are in need?
- What change(s) would you appreciate?
- How would you describe our church to a new Minister?
- Any other thoughts or concerns

Thanks were expressed to everyone who submitted his or her thoughts on the questionnaire. We received 33 responses.

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We met with Rev. James before he left to discuss his time at St Davids-Queenston United Church. Members of the committee also met with the other members of the staff to discuss how they would like to work with a new minister and anything that they would like a new minister to know about their position.

Using this information and the outline provided by the Regional Council we prepared the Living Faith Story that you see today. This has been submitted to Rev. Lynne Allin who is the Minister of Congregational Support and Mission for Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls Regions. We received feedback from her and have incorporated her suggestions as well.

The Demographics and Real Property Worksheets were prepared using information from our church records.

Our Finance Committee and Treasurer prepared the Financial Viability Worksheet. It includes recommendations from the Treasurer and the Search Committee as to our financial viability to continue to afford a full time minister.

Next Steps:

- Following this meeting and approval of our Community of Faith Profile by the congregation, the committee will submit the Profile to the Regional Council Covenanting Commission via Rev. Allin.
- Once the Covenanting Commission approves our profile, we will be appointed a Liaison from Regional Council to work with the Search Committee.
- With the assistance of the Liaison we will create the Minister Position Description and then the Profile and Living Faith Story will be posted to Church Hub. This is the online website for all churches in the United Church of Canada. Ministers who are searching for a position also post their own profiles to this website.

Thanks were expressed to the congregation for their continued support and assistance as we continue through this Journey of Faith and Search for our new minister.

Members of the Search Committee were thanked. They include: Nikole Amato, Ray Archer, Anne Dorland, Linda Elphick, Lyndsay Gazzard, Steve Hardaker, Marianne McRae, Bill Utting and Florence Turner.

Marianne McRae expressed profound thanks to Melanie for her leadership on this Committee and throughout this process.

Lyndsay Gazzard explained that this is a whole new process for finding a new Minister. Steve Hardaker noted that we are “guinea pigs” in this endeavour.

**MOTION: That the congregation of St. Davids-Queenston United Church approve the Community of Faith profile including the Living Faith Story, Demographics, Real Property and Financial Viability Worksheets and recommends forwarding this document to the Horseshoe Falls Regional Council for final approval. Moved by Melanie Kelch; seconded by Lyndsay Gazzard. CARRIED**

**MOTION: To close the Congregational Meeting. Moved by Larry McRae; seconded by Jim Gates. CARRIED**

**A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER**

Dear friends in Christ,

Greetings to you from the moderate climate of Portugal as you gather for your Annual Meeting.

It's hard to believe that I have been with you for half a year, although we are all very aware of how quickly time passes. I want to say at the outset how much Linda and I have enjoyed being with you.

Your warmth and caring have quickly integrated us into the family of St. Davids-Queenston.

And this definitely is a Family Church. It is obvious that people care deeply for one another in this community of faith. People are greeted warmly, there is much laughter and rich conversation and in compassion, people are held in prayer in their times of need. I have also observed how hard working are the people of SDQ. So many of you are energetically involved in the life and work of this church as you seek to be witnesses to the mission of Christ in this place and throughout the world. I have also much appreciated your openness to change as I have encouraged new hymns and responses and alternate ways of worshipping.

While I am very much enjoying my time with you, I am also hopeful that you will soon find a wonderful ministry fit as your search for a new spiritual leader comes to fruition.

*Friends. let us love each other, love is a gift God gives.*

*Friends by the love within us, this world will know God lives.*

*Love is the gift most precious God gives to humankind.*

*We find our life in loving, that's our creator's plan.*

*Love is what Christ commanded; love lived out day by day.*

*Love bears another's burden, love walks a tender way.*

*Friends let us love each other; love is a gift God gives.*

*Friends by the love within us, this world will know God lives. (W. Farquharson)*

Blessings, Rick

## **CONGREGATIONAL AND CHURCH BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Hello friends. It has been said that the only constant in life, is change. And that has certainly been the case in 2019 for our church family! Here's a recap.

It started on January 1<sup>st</sup> when the United Church of Canada changed its governance structure. Both Presbyteries and Conferences were eliminated in favour of a 3-council governance structure. The new structure had Pastoral Charges (or congregations), Regional Councils and Denominational Council. For us it meant that Niagara Presbytery and Hamilton Conference were replaced with Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. It has been an interesting year of adjustment.

Also in January, Rev. Paul announced his retirement and subsequent relocation to Penticton, British Columbia so he and Carol could be closer to their children effective June 30<sup>th</sup>. His impending departure also set in motion a minister search effort and the establishment of a Minister Search Committee. Through this committee a supply minister was secured and the creation of our Community of Faith Profile commenced with the writing of our Living Faith Story. That effort has gone on throughout 2019 with regular meetings and on October 6<sup>th</sup> at a special Congregational Meeting our Profile was approved. That was followed by Horseshoe Falls Regional Council's Covenanting Commission approval on October 17, 2019. The Minister's Position Description has now been added and along with our Profile has been posted on ChurchHub where perspective ministers can apply for the position.

In 2018, our Board reviewed our local governance and at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February 2019 the congregation voted to replace the Official Board, Session and Stewards model with a Church Board model with 14 members. Session was replaced by a Worship and Faith Life Standing Committee with the Activities, Flowers, Mission and Outreach, Christian Education and Friendly Visitors now becoming Sub-committees reporting to that committee.

Along with our governance review, creation of a new constitution was undertaken. As part of that effort, a Mission Statement was envisioned and in June a small group from the congregation met with facilitator Rev. Doug Jones to develop the mission statement. At the end of that workshop our new mission statement, which reads: "Welcoming all to: Gather in God's Grace, Grow in Christian Faith and Go in Community Service" was recommended. This new mission statement was accepted by the Church Board at its June 2019 board meeting and now forms part of the new draft constitution. The new constitution was subsequently approved by Regional Council in July and will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting in February seeking congregation approval.

At a tearful farewell service and luncheon on June 30<sup>th</sup>, Paul and Carol said good bye to their beloved congregation and then departed for B.C. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Rev. Rick Hawley who would be our supply minister while we search for a new permanent minister.

Change is never easy. But change also strengthens us and makes us more resilient. It has been an unprecedented year of change for us. But I can safely say that we are a better church family for it and will endure for many years to come. What change will 2020 bring? I am optimistic it will bring us a new minister and spiritual leader, likely among a few other changes. I would like to sincerely thank our Church Board for its strong leadership and active efforts in running our church. And God bless you all for your confidence in our church leadership as well as your love for St. Davids-Queenston United Church and our church family

Steve Hardaker

### **WORSHIP AND FAITH LIFE COMMITTEE**

Members: Anne Dorland (Chairman), Nancy Utting (Secretary), Pat MacDougall ( Treasurer of the Memorial and Benevolent Funds), Marilyn Beatty, Dianne Bergsma, Norma Jane Harber, Karen Horbach, Melanie Kelch, Doug McArthur, Wayne Philbrick, Florence Turner, Val Zuk.

Last year Communion was served five times and three times generous donations were made to Project Share.

Giving those interested in gaining further insight into their Christian faith, until he retired in June, Rev. James led Bible studies.

The 8:00 A.M. Easter Sunrise service was led by Dianne Bergsma, followed by breakfast organized by the Boyda family.

We were very sorry in June when our beloved Minister Rev. Paul James retired and understandably moved to British Columbia to be closer to his children. We miss him and Carol very much and wish them every blessing in their new life.

As we wait for our next minister, we have been blessed by Rev. Rick Hawley, who in his position as interim supply, has made this transition period uplifting and enlightening.

Remembrance Day wreathes were laid in the sanctuary by Al Des Roches and at the Queenston Cenotaph by Norma Jane Harber.

No Sunday service is complete without praising God through music. Many thanks again to Lisa Brillion not only for playing hymns, preludes, postludes, etc. but also for her competence and patience in choosing and rehearsing with the choir anthems, cantatas and other selections to complement the worship service.

Thanks once more to Stephanie Morley for her faithful leadership in the Sunday school.

To those who took time and talents to beautify the sanctuary during the holiday seasons we are truly grateful for the wonderful ambience you created.

In November, we participated once more in Niagara-Online-Worship (NOW).

Four memorial services were held and our condolences to families whose loved ones passed away during the year.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Dorland, Chairman.

**MARRIAGES**

James Robert Graham & Marie Nada Leclair      September 15th

There were also 2 off-site weddings

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Douglas Donald Halpenny	February 19th
Evelyn Alberta Stewart	January 31st
Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Ludwig	May 2nd
Jean Berkhold	November 14th
Rena Pearl Edgley	December 24th

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky

**BENEVOLENT FUND****Balance Forward January 1, 2019 ..... \$1,466.90****RECEIPTS**

Coffee Hour Donation..... 182.25

Candlelight Service Givings ..... 871.00TOTAL..... **\$2,520.15****DISBURSEMENTS**

Candlelight Givings to Niagara Falls Outreach ..... 400.00

Candlelight Givings to R.A.F.T. .... 268.55

Donation to Local Outreach ..... 50.00TOTAL..... **\$718.55****Balance December 31, 2019 ..... \$1,801.60**

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer

**MEMORIAL FUND****Balance Forward January 1, 2019 ..... \$5,286.78****RECEIPTS**Memorial Donations..... 1,053.40TOTAL..... **\$6,340.18****DISBURSEMENTS**

Purchase of Concrete Curbs ..... 1,510.81

Installation of Curbs ..... 519.80TOTAL..... **\$2,030.61****Balance December 31, 2019 ..... \$4,309.57**

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer

### **SEARCH COMMITTEE**

The Search Committee for St. Davids-Queenston United Church was formed after Rev. Paul James announced his retirement effective June 30, 2019. The committee members are Melanie Kelch (chair), Marianne McRae (secretary), Nikole Amato, Ray Archer, Anne Dorland, Linda Elphick, Lyndsay Gazzard, Steve Hardaker, Florence Turner and Bill Utting. The committee first met on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019.

The first task assigned of the Committee was to find interim/supply ministry for the period after Rev. James departed and a new minister was called. We were very pleased when Rev. Rick Hawley agreed to serve our church for 20 hours a week. He has been appointed to a 6-month contract, which can be renewed if necessary.

We then began the task of completing our Church profile and Living Faith Story. In order to gather information for the Living Faith Story the committee interviewed Rev. James and other members of the church staff. We also conducted a Questionnaire of the Congregation. Our Living Faith Story was completed and approved by the Congregation on October 6, 2019. Following this meeting it was submitted to Regional Council for approval and subsequently approved on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our Liaison from Regional Council, Pat Tooley was appointed and met with us on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Our last major task to be completed prior to actually searching for a new minister was to complete a Position Description, which was posted on Church Hub in December.

We are looking forward to receiving applications from Ministers who would be interested in serving our Community of Faith.

Submitted by: Melanie Kelch, Chair

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### **SENIOR CHOIR**

It's been another great year of singing for the Senior Choir. The choir loft is full of great singers and we welcome new choir member, Lyndsay Gazzard!

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, we presented our Christmas Candlelight service "The Glory of Christmas" to filled congregation and donated over \$800.00 to the Benevolent Fund from the offering at our service.

We will also sang a full cantata for Easter in the morning service "Who do You Say that I am?"

We enjoyed a Christmas potluck dinner party at the home of Melanie and Allan Cobham in December - many thanks for your hospitality!

And sincere gratitude to Val Zuk, Nancy Lang and Alan Cobham for singing solos and our trio/quartet - Marianne McRae, Sue Cote, Nancy Lang and Anne Dorland for singing throughout the year during the Sunday services.

I would like to thank all the choir members for their dedication to the choir by coming out to weekly practices and singing in church every Sunday. Their talents are greatly appreciated by the congregation and myself!

Lisa Brillon, Choir conductor and organist

### UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

We started 2019 with our new President Dianne Bergsma. We thank Nancy Utting for her leadership as President and her continued volunteer work for the UCW.

Evelyn Payn was officially elected as our Vice-President. Evelyn is our computer contact person and is already doing the work of a VP and we welcomed her to this official title of her work.

We thank Florence Turner who continues as our secretary and Violet McArthur who continues as our treasurer. You are much appreciated!

We thank Marilyn Warner who has created and organized several projects in which we could participate for residents of a retirement home.

Florence Turner continues to organize her volunteers in making meat pies on the last Friday of the month from September to April. A dedicated group of 10-12 ladies get together to make hundreds of meat pies. Consistent orders show that this continues to be much appreciated.

The annual bazaar on November 2 was a wonderful success raising \$5,820.00 and we thank everyone who helped make it so in many different ways. We acknowledge the work that goes into the organizing and preparation for this event, and we thank everyone for your participation that made it truly such a congregational effort. Thank You.

The Meat Pie Bake and the Annual Bazaar allow us to donate \$5000.00 for the church insurance, to hold the 80yrs and over luncheon, purchase cakes for birthday Sunday and other special occasions. It also allows replacing supplies in the kitchen and updating the first aid kits. We were also able to purchase a blood pressure cuff.

We hosted a soup and sandwich lunch with dessert after church in support for the building fund for Cave Springs, and we made another donation in November to support this project.

~ A donation was given to the Niagara Falls YWCA in their work with women in crisis and with collections of 'personal' items in May and in December.

~ A donation was given to the 'new stove' fund.

~ A donation was sent to "Ryan's Bowl", a charitable organization that provides food for children in Uganda.

~ A donation was sent to the Red Roof Retreat.

~ A donation was sent to the Dorian Relief Fund through the United Church Canada to the Bahamas of the victims of that storm that devastated much of the islands.

~ A donation was sent to the Soup Kitchen in N.F. in honour of the work of Steve Hardaker.

~ A donation was sent to Meals on Wheels in N.F. in honour of the work of Marianne McRae.

Thank you to all who volunteered with us in so many ways for our various events.

The Niagara Presbyterial UCW Final Annual General Meeting was held on March 16, at St. Andrews United Church, Niagara Falls. The topic was "Truth and Reconciliation, a Call to Action: What can we do? Continuing the conversation". Guest speaker Brian Kon, Chair of the Niagara Region Metis Association, told us of the history and the language of the Metis people. Willow Shawanoo, Community Development Coordinator, and Chris Kagesheongai, Kizhaay Anishinaabe Nin Coordinator, gave us information about the work that is being done in various ways by the Niagara Region Native Centre.

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**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW) Cont'd...**

Gathering music was provided by Willow Shawanoo and Dawn Moughtin, singer/drummers and Dawn's young niece who has a gift of singing the traditional songs as she drums. Communion was led by Rev. Diane Walker of St. Andrews.

Words of thanks were spoken to all who have participated in the work of the UCW Niagara Presbyterial, with a word of welcome to the Horseshoe Falls UCW Regional Council, Region #9, formerly Hamilton Conference UCW.

Several members of our congregation participated in the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1, at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Eight of our local churches gathered together to celebrate and to be enriched by the faith experiences of Christians of other countries and cultures. The theme "Come-Everything is Ready" was prepared by the people of Slovenia and was much appreciated. A lovely lunch, including Slovenian delicacies, was provided after the service.

Violet MacArthur and Judy Kerr organize the kitchen and our volunteers for our various lunches and potlucks and we very much appreciate them and their work.

A Pot Luck lunch was held after the Congregational Annual Meeting on February 24.

A sandwich lunch following the Good Friday morning service which we shared with St. Saviour's church on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

A pot-luck lunch followed our Anniversary Sunday service on May 5, and the UCW provided the cake and the flowers.

Nancy Utting organized the 80 years and over lunch which was held on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, and was much appreciated by all.

Throughout the year we served lunch following a number of Funerals. Our sympathy to all the families who lost loved ones.

The last Sunday of each month is 'birthday Sunday' on which we celebrate all the birthdays of the congregation that month with a birthday cake, and if a birthday falls on that Sunday we even sing "Happy Birthday"!

We thank everyone for participating in providing refreshments after each church service!

Judy Kerr proposed that we bring excess plants from our gardens to plant in the church garden. These plants (with Judy's work!) provide colour and enhancement of the garden. Thank you!

Evelyn Payne organized our last meeting of the season which was a lunch at Cat's on Thorold Stone Road on Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, to which the congregation was also invited.

For our Christmas meeting we went to Caroline Winery Restaurant in Virgil for lunch. Our gift giving focused on personal items for women who are staying at the YWCA in Niagara Falls. Thank you to members of the congregation who shared in this gift-giving. Some of our members were unable to come due to the bad weather and we missed them.

We would like to thank all the volunteers, both congregation members and friends, who made the Ham Supper such a wonderful success. This congregational effort is a highlight of our church's Fall activities and gives the opportunity to share a 'church supper' with family and friends. We acknowledge the work that made it run so smoothly, especially all the preparation work that made it all seem so easy on Saturday. A special thank you to Marianne McRae who organized it all! Also thank you to Anne Dorland who provided a musical welcome.

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**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW) Cont'd...**

We were extremely saddened by the loss of 2 of our members, Evelyn Stewart in January and her sister Rena Edgley in December. They will be fondly remembered and deeply missed

All women are encouraged to come to our meetings and everyone is invited to continue to join us for our various events and as we ask God for blessings for a New Year of service with love for our congregation and our community.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Bergsma, UCW President & Florence Turner, Secretary

Vice-President: Evelyn Payn

Treasurer: Violet McArthur



**UCW DONATIONS**

Ryan's Bowl.....	300.00
Cave Springs Legacy Hall.....	1,500.00
YWCA .....	500.00
United Church/Hurricane Dorian.....	1,000.00
Meals on Wheels .....	500.00
Community Outreach.....	500.00
Cave Springs Camp.....	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>

Submitted by Violet McArthur (Treasurer)

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**UCW FINANCES**

Balance Forward January 1, 2019 ..... **\$11,131.24**

**PLUS RECEIPTS**

Meat Pies ..... 3,492.40  
 Bazaar ..... 5,820.00  
 Funerals ..... 800.00  
**TOTAL** ..... **\$21,243.64**

**MINUS DISBURSEMENTS**

Insurance ..... 5,000.00  
 Donations ..... 4,800.00  
 80 yrs and over luncheon ..... 580.00  
 Cards & Stamps ..... 130.00  
 Meat pie containers ..... 384.86  
 Kitchen supplies ..... 95.94  
 Gardens ..... 214.50  
 Stove Fund ..... 1000.00  
 Gift for Paul ..... 500.00  
 Deposit fee ..... 2.91  
**TOTAL** ..... **\$12,708.21**

**BALANCE December 31, 2019** ..... **\$8,535.43**

Submitted by Violet McArthur  
 Treasurer

### **PIE BOOTH**

The St. Davids-Queenston United Church Pie Booth at the annual St. Davids Carnival was another great success. Over the 4 day period in July, dedicated members of the congregation made, baked and sold 308 homemade pies and 6 chocolate cakes raising **\$5,890.00** for the church.

I want to thank each and every one who made this possible. The kitchen workers, all those manning the booth, the runners, the setup, take down and clean-up people. Thank you also to all those who donated supplies, money to purchase supplies and the ladies that made pies at home.

This is an all-encompassing church project and always makes us all proud! Since 1963, hundreds of members of the congregation have worked for the benefit of this fundraiser and with God's help we hope to continue for years to come.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Respectfully submitted by Florence Turner

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### **HAM DINNER**

Once again this year the ham dinner held on Saturday, November 16th was a great Success. Everyone enjoyed a great dinner and we were able to raise \$2,246 for the general fund of the church. Many thanks to all volunteers who helped sell tickets, set up, cook, serve and clean up and to Marianne McRae for her extraordinary, astonishing and amazing organizational skills without which we would not succeed!!

Submitted by Sue Cote

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### **SOCIAL/CRAFT GROUP**

Our group meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. We again have been working on Marilyn Warner's projects for shut-ins and residents of Greycliff manor. These gifts brighten the days for those whose days get long and lonely. We sometimes, for no particular reason thane ourselves out for lunch. The time spent is most enjoyable, please join us, you will be very welcomed.

Submitted by Violet McArthur.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

## Financial Report

**CREDITS**

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 1, 2019 .....	\$182.71
Public Trustee Interest.....	1,580.58
Sale of Lots .....	1,000.00
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Grant .....	2,500.00
Headstone Maintenance Fee .....	632.50
Transfer from Church General Funds .....	<u>5,500.00</u>

**TOTAL**..... **\$11,395.29**

**DEBITS**

Maintenance and Upkeep.....	\$9,096.50
Public Trustee.....	1,032.50
Bereavement Authority of Ontario.....	219.00

**TOTAL**..... **\$10,348.00**

**BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018** ..... **\$1,047.29**

Plots sold: 1 single

Number of burials: 11

Submitted by Howard Lowrey

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

For the past several years the Trustees of St. Davids-Queenston United Church have been concerned about the large trees on the line of the St. Davids Golf Course. Several discussions with Jack Lowrey were held to resolve the issue. Jack agreed to have the trees taken care of and this was done in 2019.

Submitted by  
Fred Van Nest

### **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL**

We have met several times during the year.

Currently, this is the list of personnel and their representatives:

Rev. Rick Hawley – vacant

Darlene Romanowsky– representative Bonnie Boyda

Lisa Brillon– representative Anne Dorland

Stephanie Morley – vacant

Margaret Elia – representative Sue Cote

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our personnel, please contact their representative to discuss same. As you can see, we could use a couple of members and if you are interested in serving on our committee, please contact me.

We will continue to meet in the New Year.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Cote.

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### **MISSION & OUTREACH**

Members: Jill Dill (Chair), Jeffrey Dill and Jennifer McCarthy.

We refer to the first Sunday in each month as “Toonie” Sunday. Our 2019 total amounted to \$1,132.75.

The 2019 goal for envelope givings was to send \$10,000 to the United Church of Canada’s head office, and use the additional givings for local causes. This available amount is \$2,163.80. Adding the toonie money to this amount gives us the sum of \$3,296.55. Most of this will be donated within our community. The final list of charities will be voted on at the February board meeting.

Submitted by Jill Dill (Chair)

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### **MISSION & OUTREACH**

#### Envelope Givings

Total Mission & Outreach donations through envelope offerings for 2019 was \$13,619.00 From that amount \$11,455.20 was sent to the National Church Mission & Outreach fund and the remainder of \$2,163.80 was held back for Local Outreach.

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky  
Bookkeeper

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Committee members: Gaye Benner, Bonnie Boyda, Carol James (until July 1), Nancy Lang, Stephanie Morley

In January and February, the committee discussed and made several revision recommendations to the Terms of Reference – Christian Education Sub-Committee document being considered for inclusion in the new church constitution. We also recommended that the church purchase two high chairs that meet current safety standards. On our wish list would be the purchase of at least one smaller table and chairs for the CE classroom.

Bonnie and Claire Boyda organized and hosted the Easter breakfast between services on April 21<sup>st</sup>. A huge thank you to them and to all those who contributed casseroles and other tasty breakfast treats. This breakfast is always a wonderful time of fellowship.

The Sunday School enjoyed a Laser Tag outing on May 5<sup>th</sup>, scheduled so as to make sure they would enjoy one last outing with Paul before his retirement.

With the governance changes happening in the United Church, there was no Presbytery sponsored youth team to present a Vacation Bible School program this year. As we are not in a position to organize a weeklong program in house, the students were given the option of attending a program sponsored by St. Andrews UC in Niagara Falls.

On Dec. 8, White Gift Sunday, the students helped trim the mitten tree, sang three songs, and collected all the White Gifts. Because of the cancelled service on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, their performance was really their dress rehearsal! We thank the congregation for helping them with the chorus of the songs!

Rev. Roy Harwood led two adult Bible study classes in December. Two additional classes are scheduled in the New Year.

A small, but energetic group went Christmas caroling around St. Davids on Sunday, Dec. 22. They were treated to hot chocolate and popcorn upon returning to church.

The young people continue to send cards to our shut-ins each holiday season.

Thank you to Stephanie for her leadership of this very important group of young people who are the future of this church.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Lang

**FLOWER COMMITTEE**

Committee Members: Judy Kerr and Sandra Macdonald

Balance (operating plus Memorial Poinsettia donations) January 1, 2019:	\$711.14
Total Cash Donations:	\$30.00
	\$741.14

Expenses:

Palm Sunday/Easter Sunday	\$152.45
Thanksgiving Sunday	\$100.00
Advent & Christmas Services	\$133.54
Sunday Services	\$228.98
Total Expenses:	(\$614.97)

Operating Balance as of Dec. 18, 2019	\$126.17
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December 2019 Memorial Poinsettia donations are currently: \$500.00 and are applied to the 2020 flower fund along with any pending donations

Thank you to Judy Kerr for all her assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to Elma Gardner for assisting during the month of March.

Thank you to Jill Dill for her great Thanksgiving presentation.

Thank you to Karen & Peter Horbach for donating the beautiful poinsettia plants.

Thank you to Sandra Edgeworth & Tim Andrews for the beautiful greenery.

Thank you to Darlene Romanowsky for putting all the announcements throughout the year into the bulletins and especially for the Christmas Memorial insert.

Thank you to everyone who placed flowers in the Church throughout the year and/or contributed to the Poinsettia fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Macdonald.

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Nancy Lang, Bonnie & Clair Boyda, Bob & Judy Kerr, Al DesRoches and Doug McArthur.

This was our best year yet for our Beef-on-a-Bun which has turned out to be the highlight of the month for many people. They really enjoyed socializing with church and local community members.

We, the activities committee are indebted to all the ladies who bake pies and desserts for this function and to Fred Van Nest for printing tickets and posters.

The net proceeds for this year is \$3,846.45. All funds, 100%, are donated to either charities or church fundraising projects.

We would like to thank everyone who attended our Beef-on-a-Bun evenings and those who gave their time and talent assisting our committee.

The schedule for 2020 will remain the 2nd Friday of every month from January to May and starting again in September to November.

Your Truly,  
Doug McArthur

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### BEEF-ON-A-BUN PROFITS

January 11th .....	\$410.00 (to Cave Springs Camp Building Fund)
February 8th .....	\$430.10 (to church general fund)
March 8th .....	\$501.50 (\$428.27 (for UCW storage cupboards) (\$73.23 to new stove fund)
April 12th .....	\$551.00
May 10th .....	\$470.00
September 13th.....	\$480.75
October 11th.....	\$502.10
November 8th.....	<u>\$501.00</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$3,846.45</b>

“NB” Profits from April 12th through November 8th were donated to the new stove fund.

Submitted by Doug McArthur

## PROPERTY

The property committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the building and property of the church, excluding the cemetery. We also have the mandate to recommend and oversee projects to improve the facility. During the past year we were involved in the replacement of a window in the Narthex with a beautiful memorial stained glass window, in memory of Don and Ginny Slingerland, this project was due to a generous donation by Ginny Slingerland. We also were able to paint most of the interior with a generous donation from Ron and Wilda Chapman. Another project that was completed was to replace the A/C unit in the balcony as the old unit quit in the heat of the summer. We also put new flooring on the stage and the floor outside the kitchen as well as new carpet on the stairs from the basement to the Narthex and repaired the carpet at the top of the stairs. The big project completed this year was a new commercial stove for the kitchen. As a group we are small in numbers but work hard to improve the appearance of the church as well to make it a safe and enjoyable place to worship. I would like to thank Steve, Ron, Monty, Bob, John and Allan for their contributions and hard work that makes my job so much easier. I would also like to thank those who volunteer to assist with sidewalk snow removal. I would like to invite anyone who would like to contribute to the maintenance of your church; you are welcome to speak to anyone on the property committee, regarding joining us on this important committee.

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### **PROPOSED PROPERTY BUDGET 2020 Operating & Maintenance**

**General Maintenance & Expenses - roof repairs, rear parking lot stone etc. \$5,020.00**

**Preventative Maintenance/ Inspection/ License for Both Lifts \$1,000.00**

**Grass Cutting/Snow Removal (parking lot) \$ 3,500.00**

**Rekeying the back entrance to better control the allocation of keys. \$1,000.00**

#### **Future Capital Projects To Consider**

**1) Paving the back parking lot which the estimated cost would be \$75,000**

**2) We also will need to replace the roof on the church sometime in the future at an estimated cost of \$35,000 to \$40,000**

**Submitted by  
Bill Utting**

## FINANCE

The finance committee report includes tables showing our income and expenses for 2019, our proposed income & expense budget for 2020 and our cash position and guaranteed investment certificates at December 31, 2019.

### SUMMARY

#### OPERATING INCOME

Total Operating income for 2019 was \$158,505.84

The Operating Income Budget for 2019 was \$175,668.12

We were under budget by \$17,162.28

Our major source of income comes from envelope offerings totaling \$132,587.30 which was a decrease of 8% from 2018.

Fundraising projects raised \$9,566.60 which was just slightly higher than in 2018. The finance committee is very grateful to all who organized and supported these fundraisers.

The UCW continued their generous donation of \$5000.00 to cover the cost of the Church insurance, for which we are sincerely thankful.

Hall & Sanctuary rentals added \$1,565.00 to the operating income. This was an increase of 33% from 2018.

The remainder income comes from miscellaneous items.

#### OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Operating Expenses for 2019 were \$158,601.97

Total Operating Expense Budget for 2019 was \$175,842.38

We were under budget by \$17,240.41

Note: The main factor that allowed us to be under budget was the transition from a full time to a part time Minister with the retiring of Rev. Paul James in July of 2019.

#### DEFICIT

We ended 2019 with an operating deficit of -\$96.13

#### PROPOSED OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE BUDGET FOR 2020

Proposed Budget for 2020 is \$161,441.70.

#### CAPITAL INCOME

Total Capital Income for 2019 was \$21,287.65

Our source of capital income came from personal donations and fundraisers. Once again the finance committee is very grateful for the very generous personal donations and also for all those organized and supported the fundraisers.

#### CAPITAL EXPENSES

Total Capital Expenses for 2019 were \$29,241.35

#### DEFICIT

We ended with a capital deficit of -\$7,953.70

**SUMMARY** *cont'd...***CASH POSITION AND GIC INVESTMENTS** (Capital & Operating Combined)

At year end we had \$74,915.36 in the bank and total GIC investments of \$110,137.93  
Our Total Assets on December 31, 2019 was \$185,053.29.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

In order to meet our proposed expense budget for 2020, which includes a return to a full-time minister, requires that our envelope offerings increase by \$20,000.00. To help with this we encourage those who have not already done so consider going on our Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) plan This ensures your support to the operation of our church remains consistent, even when you are not attending regular Sunday Worship.

It will also be extremely important that fundraising remain a strong focus as a means of increasing our church income.

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky  
Bookkeeper

## St. Davids- Queenston United Church Annual Report 2019

**FINANCIAL RESULTS F2019 AND PROPOSED BUDGET F2020**

	2019			PROPOSED BUDGET 2020	Change from 2019 to 2020
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
<b>INCOME</b>					
Business Donation	0.00	9,999.96	-9,999.96	1,000.00	1,000.00
Curtains up ticket rebate	210.00	0.00	210.00	0.00	-210.00
Easter Sunrise Breakfast	89.00	0.00	89.00	0.00	-89.00
Envelope Givings					0.00
Book entry PAR	78.75	0.00	78.75	0.00	-78.75
Other Envelope Givings	132,508.55	155,453.04	22,944.49	152,775.70	20,267.15
From Memorial Fund	519.80	0.00	519.80	0.00	-519.80
Good Friday-Newark Neighbours	272.00	0.00	272.00	0.00	-272.00
HST Recovery	2,342.51	1,715.04	627.47	2,300.00	-42.51
On-Line Donation (Canada Helps)	96.00	0.00	96.00	0.00	-96.00
Our Daily Bread Book Donations	35.75	0.00	35.75	36.00	0.25
Pension designation Bell Canada	328.69	0.00	328.69	300.00	-28.69
Personal Donations					
Interior Painting	4,850.00	0.00	4,850.00	0.00	-4,850.00
Other Personal Donations	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Presbytery Dues Refund 2018	1,132.19	0.00	1,132.19	0.00	-1,132.19
Projects					
Beef-on-a-bun games night	1,341.60	0.00	1,341.60	0.00	-1,341.60
Ham Dinner	2,246.00	0.00	2,246.00	0.00	-2,246.00
Pie Booth	5,890.00	0.00	5,890.00	0.00	-5,890.00
Sale of Church Calendars	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
UCW	5,000.00	5,000.04	-0.04	5,000.00	0.00
Weddings & Rentals					
Hall rental	400.00	0.00	400.00	-500.00	-900.00
Hall Rental Donation	300.00	500.04	-200.04	500.00	200.00
Sanctuary Rental	865.00	0.00	865.00	0.00	-865.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>158,505.84</b>	<b>175,668.12</b>	<b>17,162.28</b>	<b>161,441.70</b>	<b>2,935.86</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Advertising					
Niagara This Week	410.16	1,550.04	1,139.88	1,200.00	789.84
The Niagara-on-the-Lake Local	753.53	0.00	-753.53	0.00	-753.53
Other Advertising	119.53	0.00	-119.53	0.00	-119.53
Beef-on-a-bun donations: Cave Springs Legacy Hall	1,581.60	0.00	-1,581.60	0.00	-1,581.60
Children & Youth Ministry					
Donation to Humane Society	0.00	200.04	200.04	0.00	0.00
Sunday School Supplies	0.00	99.96	99.96	100.00	100.00
Christian Education	435.96	900.00	464.04	500.00	64.04

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**FINANCIAL RESULTS F2019 AND PROPOSED BUDGET F2020** *cont'd...*

	2019			PROPOSED BUDGET 2020	Change from 2019 to 2020
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
EXPENSES <i>cont'd...</i>					
Church Salaries ADP					
Admin. Assist Salary Regular	11,873.16	11,874.96	1.80	12,941.74	1,068.58
Admin. Assist. Employer pd. EI	285.48	294.96	9.48	312.00	26.52
Admin. Assist. Vac.Pay	712.44	725.04	12.60	776.56	64.12
Minister's Employee Benefits	8,235.08	14,600.04	6,364.96	10,950.03	2,714.95
Minister's Salary Regular	47,944.98	68,393.04	20,448.06	57,086.37	9,141.39
Recoverable HST Federal	6.82	0.00	-6.82	0.00	-6.82
Recoverable HST Provincial	17.82	0.00	-17.82	0.00	-17.82
Service Charge	284.25	290.04	5.79	300.00	15.75
Church Salaries NON ADP					
Janitor	4,080.00	4,080.00	0.00	4,080.00	0.00
Organist	13,800.00	13,800.00	0.00	15,000.00	1,200.00
Sunday School Teacher	4,042.00	4,040.04	-1.96	4,042.00	0.00
Fall Luncheon	83.50	100.00	16.50	100.00	16.50
General Council Dues	5,695.00	5,700.00	5.00	5,700.00	5.00
Good Friday offerings donated	272.00	0.00	-272.00	0.00	-272.00
Ham Dinner Expenses	502.55	515.00	12.45	500.00	-2.55
installation of curbs	478.12	0.00	-478.12	0.00	-478.12
Insurance	4,649.40	5,300.04	650.64	4,800.00	150.60
Internet Service	947.88	924.96	-22.92	1,000.00	52.12
Kitchen Supplies	748.90	0.00	-748.90	1,000.00	251.10
Minister's reimbursed expenses					
Phone & Internet	593.74	1,224.96	631.22	500.00	-93.74
Study & Book Allowance	0.00	1,415.04	1,415.04	1,442.00	1,442.00
Other Minister's reimbursed expenses	100.75	0.00	-100.75	0.00	-100.75
Minister's Travel Expense	1,424.70	2,199.96	775.26	1,500.00	75.30
Niagara Online Worship	0.00	200.04	200.04	100.00	100.00
Office					
Block billing meter read copies	529.69	624.96	95.27	550.00	20.31
CCLI (Music copyright license)	207.00	225.00	18.00	225.00	18.00
Cheque reorder 1998935	158.82	0.00	-158.82	250.00	91.18
Donation tech support annual	51.97	0.00	-51.97	50.00	-1.97
Equipment	0.00	399.96	399.96	0.00	0.00
Geeksquad coverage	254.47	0.00	-254.47	250.00	-4.47
Lexmark Lease photocopier	922.08	999.96	77.88	900.00	-22.08
Niagara computers IT support	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Quicken Renewal	39.99	79.98	39.99	40.00	0.01
Supplies	1,514.84	1,650.00	135.16	1,500.00	-14.84
Telephone	981.96	924.96	-57.00	1,000.00	18.04
Video, DVD license	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00
Website cost	310.81	300.00	-10.81	300.00	-10.81
Yearbook	31.91	0.00	-31.91	40.00	8.09
Our Daily Bread Ministries	35.75	89.36	53.61	36.00	0.25
PAR					
PAR: Expense book entry	196.75	0.00	-196.75	250.00	53.25
Other PAR	12.25	410.04	397.79	0.00	-12.25

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**FINANCIAL RESULTS F2019 AND PROPOSED BUDGET F2020** *cont'd...*

	2019			PROPOSED BUDGET 2020	Change from 2019 to 2020
	Actual	Budget	Variance		
EXPENSES <i>cont'd...</i>					
Property					
General expense, mtce.&repair	14,763.58	4,500.00	10,263.58	4,800.00	-9,963.58
grass cutting and snow removal	6,563.80	4,500.00	-2,063.80	3,500.00	-3,063.80
License platform lift	108.00	1,200.00	1,092.00	110.00	2.00
License stair lift	100.00	0.00	-100.00	110.00	10.00
Periodic inspection-elevators	831.52	0.00	-831.52	1,000.00	168.48
Rekey back entrance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Storage unit beef-on-a-bun	394.23	0.00	-394.23	0.00	-394.23
Recoverable HST					
Federal portion	748.37	0.00	-748.37	0.00	-748.37
Provincial portion	1,963.11	0.00	-1,963.11	0.00	-1,963.11
Session					
Anniversary Speaker	225.00	225.00	0.00	250.00	25.00
Choir	1,188.42	999.96	-188.46	1,400.00	211.58
Organ, Piano Maintenance	95.00	125.04	30.04	100.00	5.00
Organist accompaniment	150.00	0.00	-150.00	150.00	0.00
Supplies	802.11	999.96	197.85	1,000.00	197.89
Supply Minister	2,120.00	1,500.00	-620.00	2,200.00	80.00
Supply Organist	1,200.00	1,500.00	300.00	1,500.00	300.00
Trustees	5,500.00	6,000.00	500.00	5,500.00	0.00
Unforeseen Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Utilities					
Electricity	2,396.56	0.00	-2,396.56	2,390.00	-6.56
Gas	3,369.26	0.00	-3,369.26	3,360.00	-9.26
Water	755.37	0.00	-755.37	750.00	-5.37
Other Utilities	0.00	6,800.04	6,800.04	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>158,601.97</b>	<b>175,842.38</b>	<b>17,240.41</b>	<b>161,441.70</b>	<b>2,839.73</b>
Net Difference:	<b>-96.13</b>	<b>-174.26</b>	<b>78.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>96.13</b>

Submitted by Linda Hardaker  
Treasurer

## St. Davids- Queenston United Church Annual Report 2019

**Income and Expense Report (CAPITAL)**  
**January 1- December 31,2019**

**CAPITAL INCOME:**

Personal Donations:		
Industrial Stove	4,725.00	
Railings	600.00	
Stain Glass Window	10,495.00	
Beef-on-a-bun/games night:		
For industrial stove	2,504.85	
HST Recovery	<u>2,962.80</u>	
<b>Total Capital Income</b>		<b>\$21,287.65</b>

**CAPITAL EXPENSES:**

Carpet and Flooring	4,632.59	
Industrial stove	11,606.65	
New Railings	1,004.06	
Stain Glass Window	9,423.10	
Recoverable HST		
Federal portion	702.26	
Provincial portion	<u>1,842.69</u>	
<b>Total Capital expenses</b>		<b>\$29,241.35</b>

YTD deficit	<b>-\$7,953.70</b>
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**CAPITAL BANK BALANCE**

Opening Balance January 1, 2019	\$23,509.72
Plus Capital Income	<u>21,287.65</u>
TOTAL	\$44,797.37
Minus Capital Expenses	<u>29,241.35</u>
<b>TOTAL BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>\$15,556.02</b>

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky  
Bookkeeper

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

Operating/Capital  
December 31, 2019

<b>Ledger Balance .....</b>	<b>\$74,915.36</b>
Balance as Per Bank Statement.....	74,326.24
Less O/S Cheques	
#4648.....	150.00
#4655.....	150.00
#4658.....	<u>85.88</u>
Total O/S cheques .....	385.88
Balance.....	73,940.36
Plus O/S deposits .....	<u>975.00</u>
<b>Balance.....</b>	<b>\$74,915.36</b>

**REGISTER BALANCE**

Operating/Capital  
December 31, 2019

Register Ending Balance 2018 .....	\$82,965.19
Plus Income.....	180,786.89
Total Income .....	263,752.08
Less Expense.....	<u>188,836.72</u>
<b>Register Balance .....</b>	<b>\$74,915.36</b>

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky  
Bookkeeper

**Cash Position and GIC Investments  
December 31, 2019**

**Ledger Balance (*Operating/Capital*)** **\$74,915.36**

**Operating GIC's**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Interest Type</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Value December 31,</u>
8016705-07	Simple	10,973.59	10, 973.29
8016705-37	Compound	6,131.05	6,366.24
8016705-38	Compound	18,570.69	19,128.83
8016705-04	Compound	9,104.44	9,286.81
8016691-26	Compound	8,169.85	8,346.29
8016691-28	Compound	8,016.21	8,176.78

**TOTAL OPERATING GIC's** **\$62,278.54**

**Capital GIC's**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Interest Type</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Value December 31,</u>
8016705-01	Compound	15,492.06	15,858.18
8016705-05	Compound	15,515.23	15,826.02
8016705-03	Compound	15,000.00	<u>19,175.19</u>

**TOTAL CAPITAL GIC's** **\$47,859.39**

**TOTAL ASSESTS (December 31, 2019)** **\$185,053.29**

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky  
Bookkeeper

**DONATION STATISTICS****SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (Envelope Offerings)****Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b># Donations</b>	<b># Donors</b>
Anniversary	1,337.00	23	23
Christmas	780.00	24	24
Christmas Eve	295.00	4	4
Easter	1,275.00	32	32
Envelopes	343.00	29	28
In Memory	1000.00	1	1
Interior Painting	4850.00	2	1
Mission-PAR	3624.00	92	9
Missions	10,020.00	341	42
Regular	92,962.10	1,733	96
Regular-PAR	33,840.20	205	19
Thanksgiving	755.00	26	26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$151,081.30</b>	<b>2512</b>	
<b>Total Distinct Donors Across All Categories: 111</b>			

**GIVING ANALYSIS (envelope offerings)****2019**

Over \$2,000.00	18
\$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00	39
\$500.00 to \$999.00	22
\$100.00 to \$499.00	26
\$20.00-\$99.00	6
Less than \$20.00	0
<b>TOTAL GIVERS</b>	<b>111</b>

**SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (non-envelope) (Capital Projects)****Between January 1, 2019 and December 31, 2019**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>	<b># Donations</b>	<b># Donors</b>
New Railings	600.00	1	1
Stained Glass Window	10,495.00	2	1
New Stove	3,675.00	19	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>14,770.00</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>14</b>

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky, Envelope Steward

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee was made up of the 2019 Chairs of the Committees: Susan Cote, Jill Dill, Susan Dobson, Anne Dorland, Steve Hardaker, Nancy Lang, Sandra Macdonald, Doug McArthur, Marianne McRae and Bill Utting. We present the following names for your acceptance.

### **MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **WORSHIP AND FAITH LIFE:**

Marilyn Beatty  
 Dianne Bergsma  
 Lisa Brillon (ex officio)  
 Anne Dorland  
 Norma Jane Harber  
 Rev. Rick Hawley  
 Karen Horbach  
 Melanie Kelch  
 Pat MacDougall  
 Doug McArthur  
 Wayne Philbrick (Chair)  
 Florence Turner  
 Nancy Utting  
**Marie Vahrmeyer**  
 Valerie Zuk

#### **FINANCE:**

Howard Lowrey  
 Linda Hardaker (Treasurer)  
 Larry McRae  
 Marianne McRae (Chair)  
 Darlene Romanowsky (Bookkeeper)

#### **PROPERTY:**

Ron Chapman  
 Allan Cobham  
 Steven Hardaker  
 Bob Kerr  
 John Krawiec  
 Monty Slingerland  
 Bill Utting (Chair)

#### **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL:**

Bonnie Boyda  
 Susan Cote (Chair)  
 Anne Dorland

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** *cont'd...***MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES****CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Gaye Benner  
 Bonnie Boyda  
 Nancy Lang (Interim Chair)  
 Stephanie Morley (Sunday School Teacher)

**MISSION & OUTREACH:**

Jeff Dill  
 Jill Dill (Chair)  
 Jennifer McCarthy

**FLOWER COMMITTEE:**

Judy Kerr  
 Sandra Macdonald (Chair)

**ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:**

Bonnie Boyda  
 Clair Boyda  
 Al Des Roches (ad Hoc)  
 Bob Kerr  
 Judy Kerr  
 Nancy Lang  
 Doug McArthur (Chair)  
 Fred Van Nest

**FRIENDLY VISITORS:**

Susan Dobson (Chair)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** *cont'd...***CONGREGATIONAL AND CHURCH BOARD CHAIRPERSON:**

Steven Hardaker

**CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY:**

Marianne McRae

**CHURCH BOARD SECRETARY:**

Darlene Romanowsky

**CHURCH BOARD TREASURER:**

Linda Hardaker

**CHURCH BOARD AT LARGE MEMBERS:**Melanie Kelch  
Sandra Macdonald**REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:**

Larry McRae

**CAVE SPRINGS CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Gaye Benner

**EXTENSION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Dianne Bergsma

**TRUSTEES:**Tim Andrews  
Clair Boyda  
Al DesRoches (Chair)  
Rev. Rick Hawley  
Howard Lowrey  
Wayne Mayers  
Sandra Sinclair  
Florence Turner  
Fred Van Nest

Submitted by Steve Hardaker

### Cave Springs Camp Annual Report 2019

Cave Springs Camp has once again had a successful summer camping experience with almost 600 children spending a week on site: 238 were over-nighters; 309 attended day-camp where they go home each evening to sleep. They are, however, able to stay for Wednesday night's camp fire and an optional sleep-over, 51 campers accepted that option. It is a great way to move into over-night camping. Over all there was an increase of 54 campers over last year: 43 new day campers and 10 new overnight campers.

This year we offered an additional week of SLP (Servant Leadership Program) where participants from the first week were invited back for a second week to gain extra volunteer experience and learn specific skills to help them develop valuable leadership skills. We were thrilled that half of the teens attended both weeks.

From the time the camp opened in May until the end of August, the property hummed with activity. The Senior counsellors moved in at the beginning of May; the others arrived at the end of June when school was over. Our director, Sharon Millar, led the team in developing and implementing the programs while interacting with the children. She reports that, *"This was a summer with a staff team that worked harder and cared for one another more, than any I have previously experienced."* We are thankful for her leadership.

In the spring and fall programs, over 2,000 children from the area schools filled the camp. Our counsellors provided programs and the children enjoyed the games, the high ropes, hikes and swimming.

As soon as summer camping was over, construction crews for Legacy Hall moved in to begin the build. In no time at all, a giant hole was in the ground and footings and walls started to appear. Harper Construction has honoured our time-line; we will welcome our first renters on March 20, 2020.

The old nurse's cabin has been demolished to make way for the new, expanded water cisterns and a larger maintenance building which will also include a temperature- controlled room to house the pumps and filtration system for the year-round water system.

We are thankful for the support of our Interim Executive Director, Nicki Inch, in our fund-raising efforts. We have visited 27 congregations to share the vision of Legacy Hall during worship, and also attended board meetings; we appreciate the support that has been given.

The Board is working with a consultant, Gay Douglas of Niagara Community Foundation, in developing board policies and procedures that better suit our year-long programming needs.

Changing from a four-month program to 12 months necessitates different roles for board members.

We are truly thankful for the support we have received from the congregations of the former Niagara Presbytery: for the summer programs, the upkeep of the camp, the bursary fund, the supply of tea towels and oven mitts, as well as craft materials and games, and now for the fund-raising for Legacy Hall. We are in the process of reaching out to congregations in the Region inviting them to be active participants.

As the build comes to completion, we are confident that more and more people, younger and older, able and challenged, will be able to experience the sacred, safe space at Cave Springs Camp and experience many spirit-filled moments.

In the spirit of Christian camping,

Elizabeth Agnew,  
Secretary of Cave Springs Camp Board