

Strathmore United Church
2021 Annual Report
Presented at the Annual General Meeting
"TBD", 2022

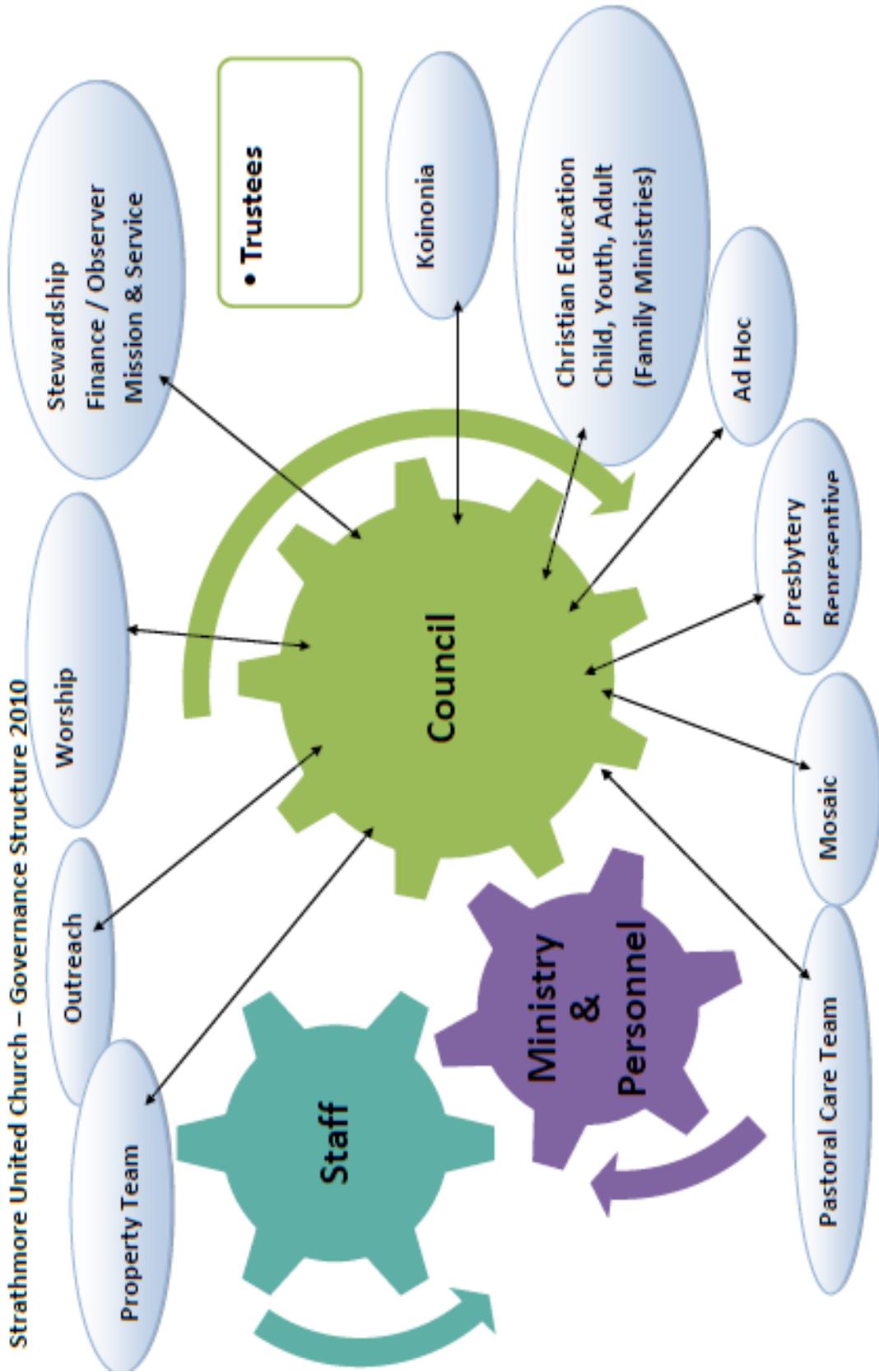


Strathmore United Church is a community of faith, striving to make a difference for Christ.

Strathmore United Church lives out our faith through worship, music, fellowship and outreach.

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Strathmore United Church – Governance Structure 2010



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Proposed Agenda

1. Lunch
2. Call to order
3. Opening prayer
4. Recognizing members & friends deceased in 2021
5. Nominate AGM Chair & Recording Secretary
6. Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents for temporal matters only
7. Approval of Agenda
8. Approval of 2021 AGM minutes
9. Business Arising
 - a.
10. Receive Reports
11. Finance
 - a. Receive Auditors Report (2020)
 - b. Receive 2021 Financial Report
 - c. Receive proposed 2022 Budgets
12. New Business:
 - a.
 - b.
13. Proposals and motions for 2022
 - a. Nominations
 - b.
14. Motion to adjourn
15. Closing prayer and hymn

Strathmore United Church AGM Minutes – February 2, 2020

1. Pot Luck Lunch – Opened with Johnny Appleseed Prayer.
2. The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m.
Robert Wahl, Arlene Wahl, Doug Lewis, Jennette Lewis, Brad Ludlam, Gene Stuiksma, Elizabeth Stuiksma, Anne Godzman, Susan Biskup, Lynne Fair, Alice Bramley, Wanda Hartell, Ruth Radway, John Godzman, Peggy McLean, Janet Bolinger, Laura Bakken, John Sanden, Allison Sanden, Pam Donovan, Eileen McMorris, Edna Nixon, Winnie Koltusky, Violet Hauck, Betty Hilton, Henry Derksen, Linda Derksen, Karen Wilkie, Donald Ledene, Rev Pamela Scott, Donald Janzen, Laura Janzen, Marguerite Watson, Charles Watson, Russ Drummond, Linda Stead, Charlotte Watson, Phil Webb.
3. Opening Prayer: Rev Pamela Scott led us in prayer.
4. Recognized members and friends deceased in 2019.
5. Nominate AGM Chair and Recording Secretary: Donald Ledene moved and Charles Watson 2nded that Phil Webb, be nominated as Chair and Charlotte Watson as Recording Secretary. Carried.
6. Arlene Wahl made a Motion to extend voting privileges to adherents for temporal matters only. Carried.
7. Approval of the Agenda: Arlene Wahl moved to approve agenda as presented. Carried.
8. Approval of 2019 AGM minutes: Russell Drummond moved approval of 2019 Minutes as presented. Carried
9. Business Arising:
 - a: 2019 Annual Meeting – A committee was set up re Manse funds – nothing has been done to date.
10. Reports Submitted: Gene Struiksma, moved we receive reports as presented. Carried.
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11. Financial:
 - a: Auditors Report – Page 24 - 2018, Report as submitted by Gerry Ledene. Arlene Wahl moved Auditors report as presented, 2nded by John Sanden. Carried.
 - b: Linda Stead presented the 2019 Financial Report . Karen Wilkie moved as presented, Donald Janzen, 2nded. Carried.
 - c: 2020 Budget – Linda Stead presented 2020 Budget. Donald Ledene moved Budget as presented. Laura Janzen, 2nded. Carried.
12. New Business :
 - a: No new business presented.
 - b: Thank you to Grays for gift in kind for cleaning the parking lot.
13. Proposals and Motions for 2018:
 - a: Nominations: Nominations for 2020 as presented with the addition of Sandy Lukacs to the Building and Property Team. Arlene Wahl moved nominations as presented. Carried.
 - 14: Motion to Adjourn: Elizabeth Struiksma moved to adjourn, 1:20 p.m.. Carried.
 - 15: Closing Prayer: Three Cheers to all by Rev. Pamela Scott.

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Clergy Report

This year has been like no other. We began the year with fairly strict Covid protocols. The church was not allowed to meet in person, and we were to be working from home.

Karen, Arlene and I were filming four services at a time, and Phil would post them, one week at a time on YouTube. We were using Karen's personal camera, and each service required some editing before posting. Fortunately, the church secured a grant to purchase new camera equipment which made filming the services much easier. Laura joined the filming crew and all was as good as we could manage for not meeting in person.

The various church teams continued to work tirelessly to serve the church and the community at large. The Pastoral Care Team continued to connect with folks via phone and when able, in person, one-on-one. Meals to Go were prepared and delivered. The orders for Shrove Tuesday Sausages poured in and I cooked more sausages than ever before. The Property Team continued to service the building and keep things inspected and in working order.

In September Council decided the benefits outweighed the risks and reopened for in-person services honoring the Covid guidelines. We are able to have one third of fire code capacity, or 50 persons in the building at any given time. This does not change even if we check for vaccine QR codes.

The reopening offers an opportunity that we would not have otherwise experienced. Any institution that has been in operation for a long time carries 'idols' and does things just because they have always done them this particular way. With 'reopening', we can look at where we have been and what we have been doing and discern what it is we might like to leave behind and what we might like to carry forward.

That said, there is a level of exhaustion setting in. The ever-changing Covid protocols and the care required take a toll on energy levels. The shorter days of winter and the extreme weather of late takes a toll on energy levels too. The wise counsel of people who had been through a prior crisis –fire or flood –said to be prepared for a marathon, not a sprint. Our culture lives life in sprints, but this truly is a marathon, one that nobody trained for.

One way to maintain energy while living a marathon is to rest. Rest allows our mind, body, and soul to renew and start with even more strength and focus. Rest is vital for better mental health, increased concentration and memory, a healthier immune system, reduced stress, improved mood and even a better metabolism. Rest will look different for each person. Some will need a quiet space, a book and a cup of tea. Others will take time in prayer. For some, it might mean vigorous physical activity –no brain work. I trust you know yourself well enough to know how best to experience rest. Create opportunities to rest. The bible mentions rest no less than 257 times. Rest so you have the energy and vitality to live life to the fullest.

“By the seventh day God had finished his work. On the seventh day he rested from all his work. God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day, because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done.” Genesis 2:2-3

Grace and peace, and rest,

Rev. Pamela Scott

Clerk of Session Report

Baptisms

None

Weddings

August 8, 2021 Drew Janzen & Lucy Wang

Funerals and Burials

January 31, 2021 Robert Davison

February 4, 2021 Emerson Howard

February 15, 2021 Margaret Eeles

February 24, 2021 Diane Gray

March 5, 2021 Jean Anne Stephens

July 23, 2021 Eldon Peterson

September 2, 2021 George Ernest Walker

October 18, 2021 Roy Badgley

Dec. 24, 2021 John Godsmann

New Members

None

Transfer of Membership's

None

Council Report

Message from Council Chair 2021

The last year has been a challenge for both individuals and organizations. The changes to our lives have caused many to re-evaluate much of what we do and how we do it. Strathmore United Church resumed in person services in September, and one of the reasons for doing that was to return to being a community that we find familiar. Even though how we do it is currently changed from what it used to be, it is our sense of community that keeps us strong. Council has been meeting on a regular basis and have tried to make the best decisions for our church. With the help of so many volunteers who have stepped up with phone calls, cards, and maintenance to the property, pastoral care, and ministry, we will continue as a vibrant community well into the future. We as a church finished off 2021 in reasonable financial health and will carry on our good work next year. I would like to thank each person who contributes to our faith family in their own way. I wish Gods' Blessings on you and look forward to another vibrant year.

Russ Drummond

Chair of Council

Chinook Winds Region Report

Donalda L. and Charlie W. are the church Region reps. The past two years the Regions Annual gathering has been held in May and on-line with Pamela attending. 185 people from the region attended. The resolution to become an Affirming Region was held off and will be revisited next year. Due to the pandemic Region staff are all working from home. General Council meets 2022 in July.

Ministry and Personnel Report

As usual the Ministry & Personnel Team has had another quiet year. We have contacted all Church **employees**, and none had any concerns, all are happy with things as they are, so we will just carry on for another year.

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Wilson

Trustees Report

One of the responsibilities of the Trustees is to insure adequate property and liability insurance coverage for our building and the contents therein. 2021 saw an increase of 30% in premiums with a further increase for 2022 of 15%. Our only consolation is premium increases are industry wide and beyond our control. The Trustees are: Lynne Fair, Art Eeles, John Sanden, Charles Watson, Susan Biskup, Phil Webb and Don Janzen.

Best Wishes for 2022
Chas. Watson (chair)

Worship Committee Report

The Worship Team met on the lawn in front of the church on September 21. In-person services had begun again on September 5, with masks & other protocols to be followed.

The Worship Team is grateful to Rev. Pamela, the music team, the recording team, and to Susan Biskup, for providing worship services to the congregation during the pandemic. Since in-person services resumed, they have been recorded while 30 - 48 people were in attendance.

We decided to ask Rosemary Ingraham to lead services on October 24 & November 14.

The Worship Team is very grateful to members of the congregation who have helped Pamela in preparing for Communion and the Christmas Eve services, and to those who have decorated the church through the seasons, and changed the banners.

We are also grateful to members of the koinonia groups who have resumed greeting duties before Sunday services and who sanitize some surfaces afterwards.

The current Worship Team members are Arlene Wahl, Allison Sanden, Fina Whieldon, Muriel Locking, and Eileen McMorris.

We encourage new members to volunteer and allow one or two others to step off.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen McMorris

Buildings and Property Report

Due to COVID we had no in person meetings this year, we did conduct a few meetings via phone and email. Due to COVID and monetary restraints we carried out only essential tasks. In early spring we completed the painting of the steel door installed last year. In October we had the duct work cleaned and the furnaces serviced for the up coming winter season. We hired a new snow removal contractor to clear the side walks. In November the government came out with grant applications to apply for exterior lighting upgrades and security cameras, we put together a proposal and submitted it .As of this writing we are still waiting to hear back . If we do not qualify this will become a priority for this year especially the lighting.

Respectfully submitted
Gene Struiksma

Christian Education Reports

At this time we are not holding Sunday School: we do not have any children attending.

KOINONIA Report

Because the congregation was not meeting in the Sanctuary for weekly services until September, there was no need for this committee to organize anything. We are responsible for getting Ushers, Greeters, Scripture Readers, and Communion Servers for each month, except July and August. During the summer months we just rely on a volunteer sign-up sheet to fill these positions.

A meeting of all the Koinonia group leaders was held in the fall. We went over our old phone lists and reorganized new monthly lists. Each of the group leaders is responsible for finding volunteers for two months of the year. New contact lists were printed and distributed. Because of the COVID Restrictions, some of the regular duties of our volunteers were not required or were adapted to conform to the latest government health protocols.

I sincerely thank all the group leaders and volunteers for the duties they have performed this year. We endeavor to include as many of the congregation as possible, as it is a good way for us to get to know each other and to meet new visitors to our services.

Thanks also to Rev. Pamela Scott and Susan Biskup for their advice and assistance with this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
LYNNE FAIR

Broadview Report

Broadview Magazine contains current, interesting and sometimes controversial articles about events and people from across Canada as well as up to date information on United Church of Canada events and personalities. If you would like to subscribe to Broadview for yourself, a family member or a friend, please contact me by phone At 403-934-4515 or at cm_watson@hotmail.ca. We enjoy a group rate of \$25/year paid by our Church Council but donations to help defray this cost are welcome and tax receipts will be issued.

Happy Reading
Chas. Watson
Broadview Rep.

Memorial Book Report

We have received twenty-four memorial gifts given by family and friends in memory of two ladies in our congregation. These were all acknowledged and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted
Jo Wilson

United Church Archives

I submitted Annual Reports to the Archives Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Biskup

Pastoral Care Team Report

The Pastoral Care Team consists of Wanda Hartall, Anne Godsman, Irene Appleyard, Jo Wilson, and Donalda Ledene.

The Pastoral Care team has had one in-person meeting just prior to Christmas due to Covid -19.

Wanda has kept up with sending cards on behalf of the congregation, including Get Well Cards, Congratulatory cards, Sympathy cards and Christmas cards.

We arranged to deliver plates of cookies to congregational members who have been ill, lost a family member, and to those who are more isolated and alone. A huge thankyou to those who assisted this plan by baking cookies for us.

The phone out system that was set up in 2020 to keep in touch has not survived Covid. What we thought would be a call out for a few months has turned into years and the system was not sustainable. We appreciate the help that each of you provided in keeping our more isolated congregational members connected during the height of lock downs and personal restrictions.

We have not planned any events since March 2020.

Respectfully Submitted
Donalda Ledene

Stewardship Report

The beginning of 2021 found our church doors closed but the church body still active. Thankfully, we didn't have to lay off any staff and they remained very busy. Many meetings were held virtually via "Zoom" including Council meetings. Phone fan out teams kept in touch with members of the congregation and church services continued to be videoed and placed online where they could be watched from home. Our thanks to Rev. Pamela Scott, Arlene Wahl and Laura Bakken for putting together the services. We received a grant to purchase the video equipment for this. Thanks to Graeme Ludlam who took over the filming and production from Karen Wilkie and Phil Webb.

Fundraising continued as well.

Purdy's Chocolates

Charlotte Watson and Karen Binns organized two Purdy's chocolates sales events- one for Easter and one for Christmas. The Easter sales earned \$358.58 and the Christmas sales earned \$819.53. Thank you to Charlotte and Karen for their effort. It was a delicious way to raise money.

Respectfully submitted

Laura Janzen

Guatemala Report

2021 Has been another year of uncertainty and doubt. When will we be free of the threat of a virus. Our faith has been tested. Our prayers seem heavy. The cold weather has also kept us inside. But with thanks, thanks for the country that we live in, for the beautiful sun rises and sunsets, the sunshine and blue, blue skies, and the friends and family wishing us well.

Our prayers are with our brothers and sisters of Guatemala. They live in a country of political corruption, injustice, and abuse. Many are fleeing the country at all costs for a better life for their families.

The United Church of Strathmore is committed in service to support Rosa Escobar, her staff, and the work of her clinic as she advocates for many of the less fortunate girls, women, and their families of Guatemala. Prayers are welcomed, thank you. Financial support is needed, thank you. Our "bucks for Blessings" campaign netted \$286.00. The UCW allotted \$500.00. All will be used to care for the work of Rosas clinic which provides the education of girls and women in an LPN program. The graduates will then be out in their community as health care advocates. Also thank you for your monthly contributions as part of your offering, thank you for those of you who provide recycling items for monetary use for our Guatemala project.

Rosa is also an advocate of justice for the marginalized, as we are. Pray for her safety and for peace in their county.

This report is respectfully submitted as written.

Linda D and Ellen

Mission and Service Fund

Thank You to all who donate to the M&S fund each week/month.

Arts on 817

Team includes Karen Wilkie, Alice Bramley, Carolyn Steeves, Linda Freeman, Ellen Helfrich, and Donalda Ledene.

In September, The ARTS on 817 TEAM once again resumed their concert series for 2021-2022. Amidst Covid 19 restrictions some accommodations have had to be made.

Our first concert was held in Kinsmen Park and was a free concert in our series of 5 concerts. It was open to the community and everyone seemed to enjoy once again sharing in live music. This concert was to make up for the last concert of 2020 that had to be cancelled due to Covid.

Our second concert- "The Calgary Fiddlers" was held at Hope Covenant Community Church as their Covid Capacity of 150 would allow for more space, higher ceilings, and therefore better ventilation. It was a wonderful concert, and these young performers won the hearts of all who attended.

Our next concert is "The Fretless", they will perform on Friday, Jan 28th. The concert will be held at Hope Covenant Community Church at 7:30 pm

Additional Concerts in the Series include: Slocan Ramblers on March 18th and Dufresne & Friends on April 30th

Tickets are still available for these performances.

The Arts on 817 Team greatly appreciate the support you have provided to these events.

Financial Report from Sept- Dec 2021

Revenue

Ticket Sales	10280	
Sound tech Park	<u>315</u>	
Total Revenue		10595

Expenses

Performers	3045	
Venue Rental	575	
Vault sales expense	91.45	
Sound tech Park	<u>315</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>4026.45</u>
Net Income		6568.55

Respectively Submitted,
Donalda Ledene

Envelope Administrator Report

Envelope Administrator Report

Submitted by Karen Wilkie, Assistant Treasurer 2021

	2021	2020	2019
Number donating by envelope	49	49	59
Number donating by PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)	29	29	30
Occasional Donations(No Envelope)	16	8	8
Total	94	86	97

Range	2021	2020	2019	2018
Over \$5001	8	8	9	3
\$4001 - \$5000	1	1	2	4
\$3001 - \$4000	2	4	3	5
\$2001 - \$3000	13	11	14	10
\$1501 - \$2000	5	7	14	9
\$1001 - \$1500	12	14	11	13
\$ 701 - \$1000	12	6	6	11
\$ 501 - \$ 700	6	9	8	7
\$ 301 - \$ 500	7	10	12	14
\$ 101 - \$ 300	17	6	9	14
\$ 1 - \$ 100	11	10	10	7
TOTAL	94	86	98	97

Includes occasional donations

Category	2021	2020	2019	2018
Elevator			\$15,910.00	
Food Grains Bank	\$1,200.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Gifts in Kind	\$331.38	\$5,372.22	\$2,833.15	\$5,761.15
Guatemala Project	\$3,182.05	\$2,475.00	\$2,648.16	\$3,624.50
Initial Offering	\$110.00	\$174.00	\$198.00	\$123.00
Local Fund/General	\$111,297.50	\$113,387.50	\$123,812.75	\$101,510.65
M & S Fund	\$15,133.50	\$15,452.50	\$18,646.25	\$18,822.50
Memorial Fund	\$3,050.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$123.00
Broadview	\$335.00	\$220.00	\$485.00	\$90.00
Other & Loose Cash	\$775.25	\$516.65	\$2,638.90	\$3,291.25
Piano/Arts on 817				\$30.00
Rosebud Choir			\$250.00	
Special Projects	\$30.00		\$40.00	\$115.00
Sunday School			\$17.00	\$51.00
TOTAL	\$135,444.68	\$137,997.87	\$168,379.21	\$134,019.05

Fund Totals are Envelope/PAR/Loose cash giving's only.

Treasurers Report

Strathmore United Church

December 31 2021

	Year to Date	Budget 2021	Budget 2022
LOCAL FUND - Opening balance		25,619.48	26,554.04
Envelope Offerings	111,297.50	117,157.66	129,445.89
Loose Offering	775.25	2,000.00	2,000.00
Broadview	335.00	500.00	500.00
United Church Women	5,435.00		
Initial Offerings	110.00	200.00	200.00
Sunday School	21.75		
Misc.	6,739.52	9,500.00	7,000.00
government rebate	19,464.55		
local fundraising (net)	2,285.18		
Total Local Fund	146,463.75	154,977.14	165,699.93
LOCAL FUND EXPENSES			
ALLOCATIONS			
Cowboy ChurchFCSS	150.00	150.00	150.00
UCW - Foothills			
United Church	4,831.00	5,314.00	5,844.65
Total Allocations	4,981.00	5,464.00	5,994.65
ADMINISTRATION			
Office and Postage	611.44	800.00	800.00
Telephone & Internet	2,043.61	2,500.00	2,500.00
Advertising	270.45	400.00	300.00
Photocopier	2,941.18	3,200.00	3,200.00
Misc.		100.00	100.00
Bank Charges	350.94	300.00	350.00
Web Development	-		
GST	644.00	650.00	650.00
Total Administration	6,861.62	7,950.00	7,900.00
PROGRAM AND LEADERSHIP			
Christian Education	100.00	400.00	200.00
Worship Team	932.02	800.00	1,000.00
Stewardship	245.41	250.00	250.00
Pastoral Care		50.00	50.00
Broadview		1,125.00	1,125.00
Leadership Development			
Total Program and Leadership	1,277.43	2,625.00	2,625.00
SALARIES, HONORARIUMS AND BENEFITS			
Music Team	4,095.00	4,500.00	6,500.00
Christian Education			
Caretaker	9,600.00	9,600.00	9,600.00
Secretary	6,570.00	6,570.00	6,570.00
Treasurer	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Assistant Treasurer	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Minister	67,318.88	67,319.14	69,941.28
Employer Expense	16,468.94	15,000.00	17,000.00
Manse phone	960.00	960.00	960.00
Pulpit Substitutes	442.00	850.00	2,240.00
Travel Allowance	247.41	1,200.00	1,200.00
Professional Development	923.42	1,474.00	1,493.00
	109,625.65	110,473.14	118,504.28
Property Expenses			
Insurance	7,076.88	8,715.00	9,926.00
Utilities	9,048.47	9,000.00	10,000.00
Caretaker Supplies	49.20	750.00	750.00
Church Maintenance	4,904.35	5,000.00	5,000.00
Technology	-		
Grounds Maintenance	1,704.59	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total Property Expense	22,783.49	28,465.00	30,676.00
Total Local Fund Expense	145,529.19	154,977.14	165,699.93
NET INCOME - LOCAL FUND	934.56		

FUNDS		Year to Date	Budget 2021	
MISSION AND SERVICE FUND				
Congregation		15,133.50		
United Church Women				
	Income	15,133.50	18,000.00	18,000.00
	Expense	15,133.50		
TOTAL				
SPECIAL APPEALS				
Guatamala/Food Grain Bank	Income	5,928.10	3,000.00	
	Expense	5,928.10		
TOTAL			3,000.00	3,000.00
Interest/Manse				
Fund transfer/carpet expense	Income	2,672.01		
	Expense			
TOTAL		2,672.01		
Arts on 817				
	Income	10,140.00		
	Expense	4,419.88		
TOTAL		5,720.12		
MEMORIAL				
	Income	3,050.00		
	Expense			
TOTAL		3,050.00		
BENEVOLENT FUND				
(Soup and Bun)	Income	-		
	Expense	-		
TOTAL		-		
SABBATICAL LEAVE				
Income		-	3,000.00	3,000.00
TECHNOLOGY - Income		4,949.00		
expense - computer, camera & computer		5,569.42		
		(620.42)	1,000.00	1,000.00
SPECIAL PROJECTS				
	Income	191.00		
	Expense	-		
TOTAL		191.00		
NET INCOME		11,947.27		
		-		
Fund Balances at December 31, 2020		Opening Balance	2021 Transactions	Closing Balance
Local Fund		25,619.48	934.56	26,554.04
Arts on 817		20,238.29	5,720.12	25,958.41
Special Projects		8,751.50	191.00	8,942.50
Special Appeals		-	-	-
Memorial		1,050.00	3,050.00	4,100.00
Sabbatical		3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Technology	Grant received for	4949.00	1,000.00	(620.42)
				379.58
Elevator		2,353.43	-	2,353.43
Benevolent Fund (Soup and Bun)		2,633.92	-	2,633.92
Manse		185,845.44	2,672.01	188,517.45

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

Financial Statements

December 31, 2020

AUDITORS REPORT

To the Church Council Strathmore United Church

I have audited the balance sheet of **Strathmore United Church** as at **December 31, 2020** and the statement of operations and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

Except as explained in the following paragraph, my examination was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Qualifications in common with many charitable organizations, the **Strathmore United Church** derives part of its income from the general public in the form of donations which are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of revenue from the source was limited to accounting for the amounts recorded in the records of the **Strathmore United Church**.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at **December 31, 2020** and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.



Strathmore, Alberta
January 6, 2022

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2020

AUDITORS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash (Note 4)	\$ 250,620	\$ 232,511
	<u>\$ 250,620</u>	<u>\$ 232,511</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Funds		
Special Projects	12,752	11,805
Choir Fund	-	879
Leadership Development Fund	-	64
Guatamala Fund	-	15
Benevolent Fund	2,634	2,634
Arts on 817 Fund	20,238	16,297
Memorial Fund	1,050	750
Elevator	2,353	2,353
Local Fund	25,748	14,963
Manse Fund	185,845	182,781
	<u>250,620</u>	<u>232,511</u>
	<u>\$ 250,620</u>	<u>\$ 232,511</u>

APPROVED BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CASH FLOWS

	Year Ended December 31	
	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Local Fund		
Sunday School	\$ 85	\$ 85
Envelope offerings	123,813	123,813
Net Fund Raising	3,014	3,014
Initial offerings	198	198
Loose offerings	2,594	2,594
Miscellaneous income	9,565	9,565
Broadview	485	485
United Church Women	20,000	20,000
	<u>159,754</u>	<u>159,754</u>
Other Income		
Transfer from Manse Fund	0	0
Interest income	3,324	3,324
Memorial fund	500	500
Elevator	23,220	23,220
Mission and Service fund	19,646	19,646
Special appeals	6,065	6,065
Special projects income	268	268
Arts on 817	26,412	26,412
	<u>79,435</u>	<u>79,435</u>
Total Receipts	<u>239,189</u>	<u>239,189</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries, Honorarium and benefits - Schedule 1	105,407	103,669
Property - Schedule 1	26,332	24,242
Administration - Schedule 2	7,680	7,346
Program and leadership - Schedule 2	1,745	2,103
Donations and allocations - Schedule 2	5,564	5,314
	<u>146,728</u>	<u>142,673</u>
Excess (deficiency) before other items	<u>92,461</u>	<u>96,516</u>
Other Items		
Mission and Service fund	19,646	19,646
Arts on 817 Concerts	20,877	20,877
Elevator	20,867	20,867
Special Appeals	6,080	6,080
Special Projects	212	212
Benevolent Fund	200	200
	<u>67,882</u>	<u>67,882</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 24,580</u>	<u>\$ 28,634</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 2020

NOTE 1 - PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

Strathmore United Church is a not for profit organization. It is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

NOTE 2 - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Non property and property receipts and disbursements are recorded on a cash basis. Within the church a number of groups carry out their own fundraising and make their own disbursements. Their financial statements reflect only payments made from general funds to their groups and contributions from their groups to general funds.

The accounting policies for the statements of funds are as follows:

- * Capital receipts are recorded on a cash basis
- * Investments are recorded at cost, any gain or loss is recognized on disposition
- * Interest and dividend income is recorded on a cash basis
- * Disbursements are recorded on a cash basis

NOTE 3 - FUNDS

Local Fund - Revenue and expenses relating to program delivery and administrative activities.

Special Fund - Fund set up initially for the building addition. Presently to be used for special projects to be determined by the Council.

Memorial Fund - Funds received as indicated to the Memorial fund in memory of members

Elevator Fund - Funds raised in excess of actual repairs to modernize the elevator,

Manse Fund - 3 GIC's were opened with proceeds from the sale of the Manse.
These monies can be used at Coucil's discretion.

Benevolent Fund - Previously proceeds of the monthly Soup and Bun lunch were allocated here

Guatamala Fund -Proceeds from Soup and Bun Lunch and other specific fundraisers are allocated here.
Proceeds are restricted for use with the Women in Solidarity Clinic in Guatemala City.

Technology, Sabatical, Arts on 817 Fund - are restricted to use
as per the Fund's name and the descretion of Coucil.

NOTE 4 - CASH

	2020	2019
General Account'	\$ 54,117	\$ 38,593
RBC GIC	30,000	30,000
Chinook Credit Union	75,318	73,300
Chinook Credit Union Shares	231	226
RBC GIC (operating)	10,071	10,000
GIC (Manse account)	56,646	56,248
ING Bank (Manse account)	24,238	24,144
	<u>\$ 250,620</u>	<u>\$ 232,511</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH**SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES****Schedule 1****Year Ended December 31**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Salaries, Honorarium, Benefits		
Assistant treasurer	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Caretaker	9,600	8,424
Employee benefits	15,011	13,896
Housing Allowance	-	-
Manse phone	960	960
Minister	65,870	64,751
Music Team	2,300	3,725
Professional development	1,726	765
Pulpit substitutes	216	424
Secretary	6,570	6,570
Travel allowance	154	1,154
Treasurer	2,000	2,000
Total Salaries, Honorarium and Benefits Expenses	<u>\$ 105,407</u>	<u>\$ 103,669</u>
Property		
Caretaker supplies	\$ 107	\$ 739
Grounds Maintenance	3,225	4,150
Insurance	7,236	6,680
Repairs and maintenance	6,786	2,156
Extraordinary expense (carpet)	-	-
Utilities	8,978	10,517
Total Property Expenses	<u>\$ 26,332</u>	<u>\$ 24,242</u>

STRATHMORE UNITED CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

Schedule 2

	Year Ended December 31	
	2020	2019
Administration		
Advertising	\$ 375	\$ 331
GST	647	643
Interest and bank charges	292	622
Miscellaneous	-	-
Office and postage	741	404
Photocopier	3,087	3,189
Telephone and Internet	2,538	2,157
Total Administration Expense	\$ 7,680	\$ 7,346
Program and Leadership		
Christian education	\$ -	\$ 390
Cowboy Church	\$ -	\$ 150
Stewardship	224	235
Library Books	-	-
Pastoral Care	47	-
Broadview	1,073	1,122
Worship supplies	401	207
Total Program and Leadership Expenses	\$ 1,745	\$ 2,103
Donations and Allocations		
Presbytery and Conference	\$ 5,564	\$ 5,314

Meals to Go

The Meals to Go team organized two events for the year. The first was in Feb. where we made Shepherd Pies and Chicken Broccoli Casserole. Pamela also baked sausages and they were packaged so the congregation members could make their own Shrove Tuesday meal at home. We sold 74 Shepherd Pies, 84 Chicken Broccoli casseroles and 51 Sausage containers. The sales of the Shepherd pies and the Chicken Broccoli casseroles raised \$836.49. The revenue from the sausages was \$560 which went to support the Guatemala project. In Nov. we prepared our annual Ham dinner. It was a pickup or delivery event only. We sold 68 orders and raised \$1069.86. Thank you to everyone who shopped for or donated food. Thanks also to those who organized and prepared the meals. Finally, a huge thank you to those who purchased the meals.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the life and work of our church. It is more than a building that needs to keep the power on and the heat working. Our church is a warm, inviting community of God's people doing God's work. When you share your time, your talents, and your treasures you become the hands and feet of Christ. Thanks to your generous support, our church will be able to face the new possibilities and the challenges that may come our way in 2022.

Respectively submitted,
Laura Janzen

United Church Women

Agape Ladies Fellowship Group

The Agape group have continued to maintain a connection in spite of the continued Covid 19 restrictions. We have tried to gather once a month in some format. We have shared in zoom meeting, phone calls, and later in 2021 we have had some in person meetings. Thanks to all who have organized some of the programs. We had a great turn out to our December potluck supper and invite all of you to continue connecting.

We will continue to try and meet the First Tuesday of each month. Please contact Donalda Ledene at 403-934-5871 or via email at gledene1@telus.net

Looking forward to continued conversations and laughter!

Respectfully Submitted,
Donalda Ledene

Quilters Report

The United Church quilters returned to gathering for fellowship and fun, as we sew and tie quilts for charity. 70 quilts were assembled and donated to various agencies in our area. We donated 2 small quilts to the firehall for the Hope's Cradle program and 2 quilts to family from Merritt BC who were flood victims. Thanks to all who support us and continue to encourage our group.

Respectfully Submitted
Ruth Radway

UCW Annual Report

It was a quiet start to the UCW year. We met first on March 16th with discussions of holding an outdoor Thrift Sale, possibly as early as mid-May in order to sell/dispose of all the COVID-free items held in the large storage shed since Spring 2020.

An early sale could not happen but preparations for a fall sale began. Clothing bags were sorted by volunteers in their garages over the summer. Items were prebagged and labelled, ready for sale use. Linda Freeman and Susan Humble & crew sold books and some household items on weather appropriate summer Saturdays outside the large shed, very popular events.

Jo Wilson & crew sorted and priced all the household items left in the shed and placed them back inside ready for sale days.

Susan Humble drew up plans for tables set outside and she and Linda Freeman refined them, defining traffic patterns for safety and efficiency.

Marianne Pinchbeck & crew organized and held a linens sale in her garage in the summer with great success.

It was also decided to hold the quality item Vintage and Treasures sale with Marguerite Watson, Lou Callaway and Sandy Lukacs & crew at a later date when the church basement could come available for use.

UCW decided that no new donations could or would be accepted at this time until a possible fall sale was determined.

The first outdoor Thrift Sale was held on Sept.30th - Oct. 2nd to much success. We were blessed with excellent weather and observing COVID regulations worked well as did all the pre-planning. The Vintage & Treasures sale set for mid-October was cancelled and we hope to be able to hold it in the spring, COVID conditions being possible for an inside sale.

September 10th was a Celebration of Life honouring Jane Smith and a UCW group catered the lunch, the only catering done by UCW in 2021.

UCW met on November 23rd for our Annual Meeting. A new executive was put in place with:

Chairperson Lynne Fair

Vice Chairperson Sandy Lukacs

Past Vice Chairperson Alice Bramley

Treasurer Anne Godsman

Secretary Sharon White

It was decided to not hold a spring Thrift Sale, and a decision would be made later on a fall sale, depending on the COVID situation closer to that time.

So far a spring Vintage and Treasures sale is possible to be held in the church basement, observing COVID protection regulations.

UCW undertook decorating the church for Christmas and will be undecorating as well.

The 2022 Proposed Budget was approved and the 2021 donations distributed. As well an approved donation to Church Council was made on Dec. 19th for \$5,000.

UCW members and executive wish everyone a happy, healthy 2022 including many blessings.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon White, secretary to UCW

UCW Financial Reports

UCW held their AGM on November 23rd 2021 in the church basement, with 16 members present. We were fortunate to be able to have our usual Pot Luck Lunch. Elections were held and positions filled as follows:

Chair Person: Lynne Fair
Vice Chair: Sandy Lucas
Secretary: Sharon White
Treasurer: Anne Godsman

Our annual budget and donations/gifts were discussed, and we approved 21 donations/gifts in the amount of \$8234.79. Our bank balance at this time was \$11,152.70. We have since donated \$5000.00 to church council, which leaves us with an end of year balance of \$6152.70.

There was some discussion about future Thrift Sales and a decision was made to possibly hold one sale in 2022, but to put the discussion on hold until a later date. However, it was decided to hold the Vintage and Treasures sale at a date in the spring since the sale could be held in the church basement with restrictions in place.

Our next meeting is planned for March 2022

Respectfully Submitted
M/A.Godsman
Treasurer