

For as in **one body** we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are **one body in Christ**, and individually we are members one of another.

Romans 12:4-5



2019 Annual Report

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 22, 2020

Cliff Avenue United Church
1600 Cliff Avenue, Burnaby, BC

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Greetings pilgrim people on the way,

We began our walk of faith together on October 1, 2019 when we started this two-year pastoral relationship. I am pleased to be serving Cliff Avenue United Church and celebrating God's presence with you. We sing thanksgiving.

There were a few pre-existing situations and scenarios that required immediate attention in order for the pastoral relationship to move forward in good faith. Some of the issues had influenced the previous pastoral relationships and had created an unsafe worship/workplace. The Board, with the guidance and assistance from the newly created Pacific Mountain Region, was able to address this longstanding workplace issue. This decisive action helped us to create a safer place of worship and work. Hard and holy work all within the first weeks of employment!

Making space, cleaning up and clearing out is the ongoing work and is happening on various levels and in multiple ways. We are letting go of that which we no longer need to carry or store. We are making room for the new creation. This is happening in spiritual/physical/psychological/individual/Corporate ways and it is good.

As we let go and make room for the new, we may not know what the future holds or where we are going. DO NOT BE AFRAID. What we do know, is that we are not alone. God is with us and WE THE FAITHFUL will continue to discern the way forward, following Jesus and seeing where he leads.

The two-year appointment to Cliff Ave. UC centers around the questions of viability and legacy endeavours. What's the future for Cliff Ave. UC? What's the vision? Can we achieve sustainability with diminishing resources? What are the options? What is the plan? What might the vision be?

These are the questions before us. We the folks at Cliff Ave. UC are asking the questions and seeking the answers as we move forward in faith.

We the folks at Cliff Ave UC give thanks for the past, engage the present and imagine the future. This is our work!

The past is past and is not returning. Let us clean, clear, let go, heal from the past, grieve the loss of what was and who we used to be and hold on to the hope of what is and what is yet to come.

Where's the faith!?! WE THE FOLLOWERS are right here! Worshipping God and serving our world through the Bible Study Group, the MS Luncheon, the Bread Ministry, Ryan's Rainbow, the Korean congregation, the Montessori pre-school, the Girl Guides, Gentlemen of Fortune, renters, and others groups and individuals associated with and served by Cliff Avenue United Church. And it is good!

We the faithful at Cliff Avenue United are here. Still present in the community. Still celebrating God's presence.

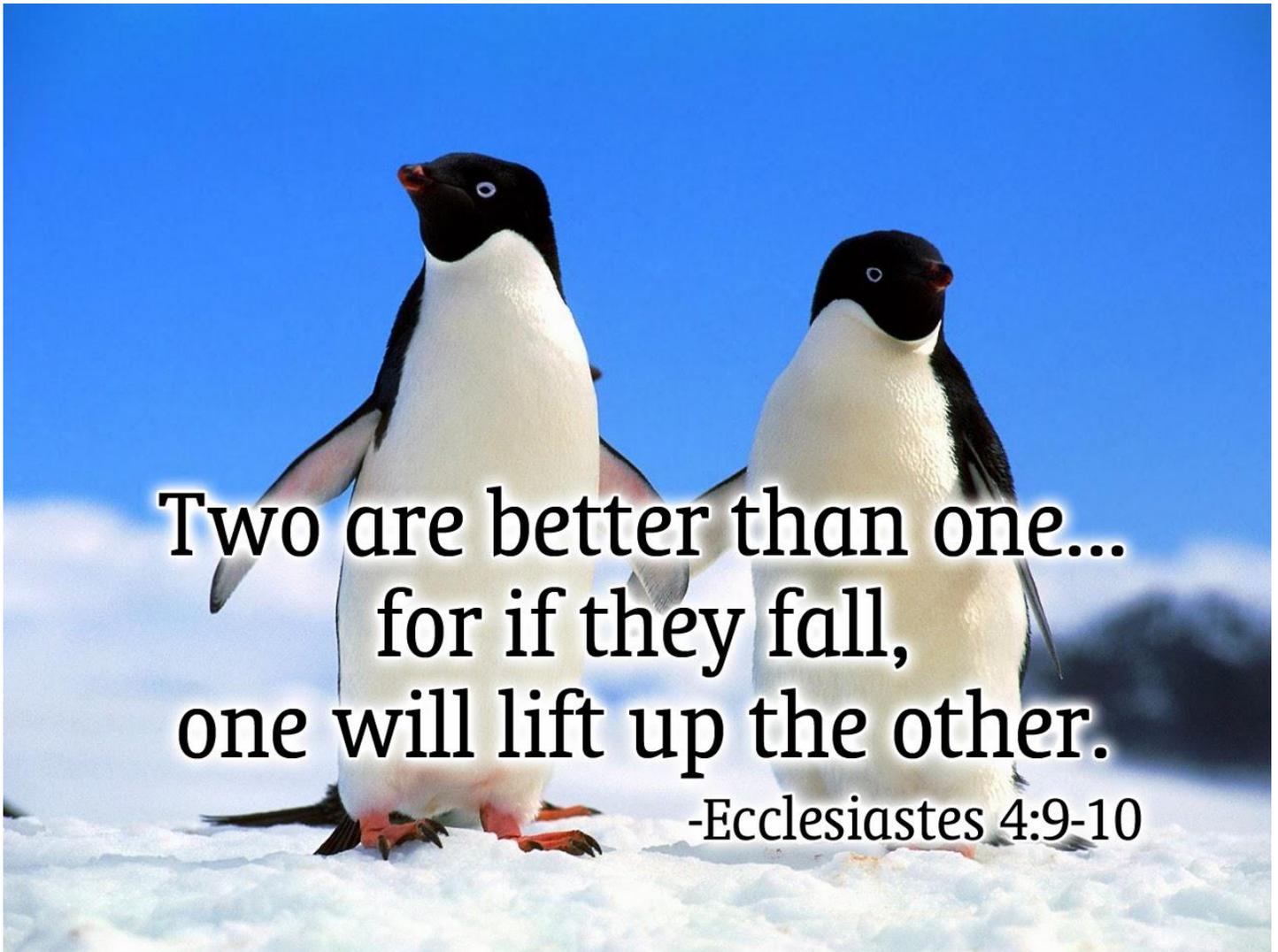
We pray for blessings upon this church and call for help to assist us in discerning the way. We pray to remain faithful to the call to love and serve right here and right now.

May we prayerfully receive, read and reflect upon Cliff Avenue United Church 2019 Annual Report. And with love and care may we commit to move forward with faith, aligned in purpose and committed to the hard and holy work ahead.

Do not be afraid. God is with us. We are not alone!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard



OFFICIAL BOARD REPORT

2019 was a year that created several interrelated challenges for the Board at the regional and national level as well as the local. This resulted in the Board having to make many important decisions and act in a variety of areas.

The Board dealt with challenges related to changes at the national and provincial level. In 2015, the 42nd General Council of The United Church of Canada started the process of changing its structure and function. These changes were discussed and agreed to in the form of Remits by all congregations that have now been implemented.

The changes included the organization of the congregations and the clergy. A new United Church Manual took effect January 1, 2019. The current organizational structure has three levels in the form of Community of Faith (a congregation), Regional Council and General Council. These changes have impacted our church in several ways including calling or appointment of a minister, the structure of the board, the regional resources available and financial practices.

The changes played a major role in the appointment of a new minister. Reverend Lynne Clarke had been our appointed minister for four years. She informed the board early in 2019 that she did not wish another appointment when her current one ended Sept 30th. The Board had hoped she would continue but she decided to retire to Saskatchewan to be with family and friends. For four years she had taught us how God loves us, and how we must love both God and one another. She left a valuable legacy behind and we wish her well in her retirement.

A Search committee comprised of members from the Board and the congregation started the process to find a replacement. The recent changes in the process, many of which were still being implemented, made the task more challenging.

One issue that needed to be dealt with was the future of the church. Like many churches today we face the problem of future planning. Congregations are getting smaller and the cost of maintenance and operating costs continue to rise. In interviewing candidates, it was important to know what is envisaged for the coming years. We took several possible options to discussion groups in the congregation and most wished to continue as usual for at least 2 years rather than plan closure. We will have to review our situation at a later date to reassess our future.

We were very fortunate in being able to replace Lynne with an appointment for two years with Reverend Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard. In the few months she has been with us she has been well accepted by the congregation and leading us into a deeper faith. She has brought wisdom and energy into her position and we look forward to a bright future under her leadership.

There are continuing difficulties with the physical structure of the church buildings. The original church is now approaching 100 years old and was built when most of the land around was farmland. Recent problems with the drainage around the building has shown us that repairs to this building will continue and are expensive. The original church is leased and provides the congregation with a steady income. This is an essential part of our financial picture and requires that we act as a responsible landlord. Decisions will have to be made concerning the future of

the structure. The newer building will also require maintenance and modifications in the coming years and is expected to be costly.

In order to meet these challenges we need to have a clear understanding of our current and future financial health. The creation of a Finance Committee (Anne Beel, Fred Roberts, Leanne Mill and Pam Athey) in the Fall has already seen changes to fully computerize our accounting practices. We must learn to live within our budget and make the necessary changes to do it.

The Board has reorganized to be more efficient. It is a small group of dedicated individuals that deals with the day to day affairs and future planning. We are constantly looking for those who would be willing to serve in some capacity in the operation of the church. We ask for prayers and support from the congregation over the coming year that we may be a positive force for Christ.

The Board would like to thank the congregation for their support over the past year and look forward to the coming one. May we grow closer together and work to do God's will.

Respectfully submitted by

Fred Roberts, Chairperson

on behalf of the Official Board (Bob Kuhn, Marie Kuhn, Ming Woo, Anne Beel, Roger Phillips, Fred Roberts and Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard)



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL (M & P) REPORT

Members: Anne Beel, Leanne Mill, Carol Thorson

It has been our privilege to have served on the M&P Committee in the following activities:

- Accepted, with regret, Rev Lynne Clarke's notice that she would not be requesting a renewal of her appointment;
- Conducted an "exit interview" with Rev. Lynne Clarke;
- Bade farewell to Rev Lynne Clarke following her last service with us in September, followed by a congregational gathering and light lunch in lower hall. The committee presented Rev. Lynne with a photo booklet and small gift. A monetary freewill gift from the congregation was also presented to Lynne.
- Welcomed Rev Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard, as appointed clergy at Cliff Ave for the period October 1, 2019 ending September 30, 2021;
- Leanne processes the ADP payroll with committee oversight;
- Periodically considered compensation matters, recommend to Board for approval;
- During the Christmas Season a small gift, expressing our gratitude, was shared with each staff person on behalf of the Cliff Ave Church family;

We have endeavored to fulfill our mandate - to provide ongoing support to the personnel and be liaison between staff and congregation, with fair and just consideration.

We extend our sincere thanks to Rev Jen, Pam and Perry who minister to all of us in so many ways, and with such dedication throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Beel, Chair,
Ministry & Personnel Committee



MUSIC REPORT

2019 was a year of significant change in the life of CLIFF AVENUE UNITED CHURCH. After 4 years of leadership, **Rev. Lynne Clarke** moved on at the end of September for the warmer and sunnier climate of Saskatoon ☺ as she began the new chapter of Retirement in her life story. I have enjoyed sharing the leadership of our worship services with Lynne over the last 4 years and I wish her well in her new tropical home. ☺

On October 6, we welcomed our new minister, **Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard**. I am looking so forward to getting to know Rev. Jen better as we develop a partnership focusing on bringing inspiring and uplifting messages to our worship services. Rev. Jen is gifted with exuberant energy and many talents, which she so willingly shares in making the services meaningful. She also has a wonderful singing voice!

On Lynne's vacation and study-leave Sundays, we welcomed guest speakers **Esther Hizsa, Rev. Brian Burke** and **Fred Roberts** who blessed the congregation with great leadership. It was a pleasure to lead the congregation in an **all-music service** in January when Lynne was away.

The membership of our Sunday Singers group increased by 75% this year....**Marie, Bob, Allen and Roger** welcomed new members **Rev. Jen, Bonnie and Cheryl**. The group meets every Sunday morning from 9:15 -10:00 to rehearse the service music and other music. New members are always welcome....you don't need to be able to read music.....you just need to have a desire to sing. It's great therapy!

Some of the highlights of the music program at Cliff Avenue in 2019....

- Thank you to **Elizabeth Bae** for her continued dedication as our PowerPoint operator each Sunday. Due to a problem with the projector one Sunday, we had to go back to the old days of using the hymn books. That was fun!! It helped us realize just how important Elizabeth's role is each week in the smooth flow of the service. Thank you to Elizabeth for sharing her **musical gifts** with us in our worship services as well as all of the other tasks around the church she does with quiet dedication.
- On **GOOD FRIDAY**, the **United Churches of Burnaby** joined together for the annual inspirational service, held at Jubilee United Church. Our choir joined in the massed anthem by the combined choirs.
- A special **ALL-MUSIC SERVICE** was held in January, for which members of the congregation submitted their favorite hymn requests. It was good to sing a mixture of the traditional hymns as well as some newer hymns.
- In early December, we hosted the 5th annual **COMMUNITY CAROL SING-ALONG**, where we all enjoyed singing no-less-than 30 Christmas Carols and Songs within one hour....a world-record, no doubt! We welcomed members of the congregations of **Deer Lake United Church, Jubilee United Church** and the **Korean Congregation** to this



event. Through the generosity of all those who attended, we were able to make a generous donation to **Ryan's Rainbow**. I am looking forward to our 6th annual singalong on *Wednesday, December 9, 2020*. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends!

- Those who attended our **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** helped fill the church with the beautiful singing of all our favorite Christmas carols, as we listened to the Christmas story.
- Cliff Avenue Church continues to be a **popular venue** in the community for numerous **recitals and concerts**.

My thanks to **Bob McCulloch** for his dedicated service each and every Sunday as our sound man.

Thank you to our Office Administrator, **Pam Athey**. Pam does excellent work for us, preparing the bulletin and PowerPoint, keeping folks informed, answering countless questions, along with her other duties. Pam plays a valuable part in the life of our church. She is a pleasure to work with plus she has a wicked sense of humour!

Thank you also to **Fred Roberts** for his willingness to help out in whatever way is needed.

Finally, thank you to **all the members of the congregation** for your wonderful words of support and for your energetic singing (even on unfamiliar hymns!). I am grateful for the opportunity to lead you with music in worship. Blessings to everyone.

Submitted with gratitude,

Perry Dickison (Music Director)



MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

After our Sunday morning service, coffee, tea and goodies are served. Volunteers sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex to help with our after-service refreshments. This provides a time of fellowship with one another.

On September 29th, a farewell potluck luncheon was given for Rev. Lynne Clarke, as this was her last day with us. She had decided to return to her home in Saskatchewan. We enjoyed the many dishes of delicious food and cake.

On December 11th we had our annual Christmas singalong event, led by our Music Director, Perry Dickison, which was well attended and enjoyed by all. This was followed by refreshments and food afterwards.

Thank you to all those who have signed up and taken turns to help with the refreshments on Sunday, and to the people that have provided goodies. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated, to help with set-up, serve and clean up. There is always someone to help. If you are unable to serve, perhaps you would consider providing baked or other goodies on occasion, or contribute by making a monetary donation to help support and continue this fellowship ministry.

We would like to give a mention to Fred and Elizabeth who faithfully come in early to start the coffee and set up. Also Doreen, who looks after the supplies for our coffee refreshments, etc. A big thank you for your contribution!

Respectfully submitted,

Ming Woo



Do not forget to
show
hospitality to
strangers, for
by so doing
some people
have shown
hospitality to
angels without
knowing it.
Hebrews 13:2

TUESDAY MEN'S GROUP

Fred Roberts, Bob McCulloch, Bob Kuhn, Malcolm Hempell, and occasionally David Woo, turn out about 9 – 10:30 a.m., to take on a number of tasks, such as changing candles in the chancel for next Sunday service, preparing offerings, rent cheques, etc., for deposit, maintaining church premises, preparing coffee for the morning "mug-up", setting up for monthly MS Luncheons when required, assembling garbage/recycling for City pickup, checking and replacing burnt out lights.

Due to our aging population, time needed to complete tasks and potential risk of injury, the bulb replacement and bank deposits were delegated to others in the Fall. The men now make arrangements for tradespeople to come in for electrical, plumbing and other more challenging maintenance needs. Seasonal tasks (i.e. Christmas setup/take down) has been a shared job among all members of the congregation at Saturday morning work and fellowship gatherings.

At approximately 10 a.m., the work, if any, is performed, slows down and gives way to the coffee break, so the men, along with the minister, Doreen and others who may be in the building, congregate in the kitchen for coffee and goodies, be they from Doreen's kitchen or surplus from the previous Sunday after fellowship in the Narthex.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Kuhn



Men's Fellowship

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Thursday Evening Bible Study group has met and continues to meet in the home of Bob and Marie Kuhn. The group is non-denominational; with members from New Life Community Church in Burnaby, as well as Cliff Avenue United Church.

Group members take turns leading the studies. Members do homework, using their study books and Bibles at home, in preparation for the Thursday meetings. The study books guide members to particular books of the Bible or other Biblical topics with thought-provoking questions and the answers are discussed at our gatherings. Various translations of the Bible are used by the members which helps clarify the meaning of passages being studied while discussing the scriptures. The real learning occurs during the reading and weekly group discussion.

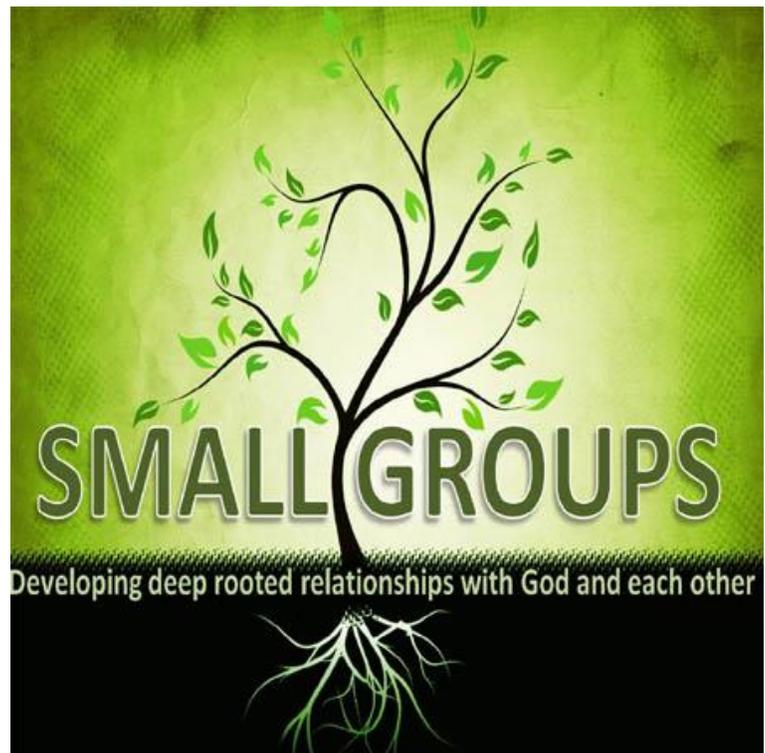
This year, the group continued our study, begun in 2018, of the book "Sermon on the Mount" by John Stott. The next book "Jeremiah & Lamentations", both in the Old Testament, chosen since some of the members requested were interested in studying Lamentations. The study of Jeremiah continues into 2020. It is heavy going, but fortunately, Fred Roberts is well read in it and guides us all in the study.

The longstanding tradition of breaking for the summer with a potluck salmon supper continues. Yet again, the 2019 weather did not allow us to enjoy it outside but the group's spirits were not dampened.

We welcome newcomers. Cheryl Ritchie joined the group late in 2019, however was unable to continue due to a work schedule change. It is our hope that she will be able to rejoin us in the future. All are welcome ... come give us a try! The front door is open on Thursday evenings at 7:30. Come on in ... the tradition of hanging one's own coats continues

Respectfully submitted,

Bob and Marie Kuhn



OUTREACH – MS LUNCHEON

The Multiple Sclerosis support group meetings continued in our church in 2019, supported by Jeanette Simpson and David Cowie.

The church continues to provide lunches ten times per year, the summer months not included, at luncheon meetings in the lower hall, a function started over 37 years ago by Carol Backman, succeeded by Shirley Francioli, for folks afflicted by Multiple Sclerosis. Both Carol and Shirley retired from this outreach in 2017. This outreach continued under the care of the undersigned, Rev. Lynne Clarke until her retirement, Doreen Gyles, Elaine Berze, Lori Perry, Ming Woo, Fred Roberts and Bob Kuhn. Since October, Rev. Jen has joined the MS Group, providing grace and companionship during lunch. Birthdays of the guests are observed. Most luncheons consist of sandwiches prepared at the homes of those named above, the costs absorbed by the helpers. Luncheons at Christmas time and in the spring are more elaborate and the cost is picked up by the church.

The Christmas luncheon is festive; a Christmas tree is erected for the occasion, gifts are presented, including to the church volunteers! The importance of the meetings is evident, particularly the Christmas luncheon, which brings a larger than usual turnout of guests. The care for each other of the MS folks becomes evident; animated conversation and laughter.

Thanks to the Tuesday morning men who place the table cloths, chairs, plus dishes and cutlery for the luncheons, and to the Girl Guide leader volunteers who set up tables after their Monday meetings in the hall. Thanks to those, such as Lori and Bob, who take the tables down after the luncheon meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Kuhn

In support of



COB'S BREAD MINISTRY

Cob's Bread has an End of Day Giving Program where they bake bread for various charities to pick up each day; the bread is not just whatever is left over from normal sales. For the past 12.5 years, Cliff Avenue United Church has participated in the pickup of bread every Thursday evening at 8:30 pm from the Kensington Cob's Bread store. We get from 6-10 large bins of bread each week as well as some smaller bins of sweets. A number of people helped with the pick-up this past year: Marlene and Roger, Lynn & Al, Brad and Goran, and Lynn and Verna Adamson. Having four groups to pick up bread means each pair collects only once a month, so collection becomes much less onerous. If anyone is able to work with Verna once a month so Lynn collects only once a month, please call Lynn.

On Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 am Lynn distributes bread to about 20 families and saves the remaining bread for the Homelessness Action Group in Burnaby. We continue to distribute bread on the lower floor of the church. The second freezer has helped store the extra bread until Lynn takes it to the Homelessness Action group on Thursdays. This past fall David and Ming distributed the bread twice a month, but they are unable to continue. If anyone is able to distribute the bread on Friday mornings once or twice a month, please call Lynn.

A huge thank you to the congregation for special treats for the ministry:

- We provided \$50.00 gift certificates for Christmas dinner (18). Your commitment to this ministry is very much appreciated by local families.
- We provided \$20.00 gift certificates for Easter dinner.
- We provided \$10.00 gift certificates twice when Cobs was closed for renovations this summer.
- Again the congregation provided a sampling of Christmas cookies and everyone was thrilled they would have such special goodies.

Also:

- Local backyard farmers provided fresh vegetables and fruits from July to October
- A local entrepreneur provided farmed trout a couple of times a month.
- Buy-Low Foods on Broadway still supports the ministry by donating plastic bags for the bread.

There doesn't seem to be any decrease in the need for assistance. Some families have moved away, but others come in their place. Several older people continue to come and we have refugee families from Afghanistan and Syria. Burnaby Family Place knows about the ministry and refers families.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn Field



OUTREACH – RYAN’S RAINBOW

First and foremost, THANK YOU! 2019 was a great year that could not have been possible without the help of our volunteers, (Mary Anne, Brian, Leticia, Katherine, Beverly, Anne, Don), Rev. Lynne, Rev. Jen, generous donors and the congregation of Cliff Avenue United Church.

Our program is a rotating door of families that get the help they need, get on their feet and move on, only to be replaced by another family. We were able to do some great things for some great people.

Highlights:

- We helped a single Dad and his four children with linen and beds.
- We provided a pregnant woman a queen-sized mattress.
- We gave out 60 Christmas hampers.
- We enrolled 6 immigrant youth into employment programs.
- We provide local schools with Breakfast every Wednesday.
- We treated our seniors to a Valentine’s Day surprise (see photo)
- We were gifted a beautifully crafted banner (see photo)



Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Rasquinha

ENVELOPE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

God gives each of us different gifts of skill, talent and financial resources. We use these to give back to God through the work and life of the church. For many in our church, weekly offerings have remained the same for a number of years; some even decades, yet our building gets older, requiring more maintenance and annual expenses are constantly increasing. Some may not realize that all of the expenses incurred for our local church for staffing, utilities, building maintenance, outreach and mandatory denominational fees are all paid for from our church rentals and weekly offerings. We do not receive any assistance from the national church. We encourage everyone to prayerfully consider their level of giving for 2020.

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work". 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Ways to give:

Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR): This is the most convenient and helpful way to give as it saves much time and labour for our weekly counters, Finance Committee members and Office Administrator. It also reduces paperwork, bookkeeping and bank service fees.

If you already have automatic debits from your bank account to pay for insurance, cable/internet, taxes or mortgage, then you understand the PAR principle. It means regular contributions throughout the year, enabling the congregation with a regular, dependable flow of contributions; a better opportunity for budget planning; continual support of the church when you are away, and avoidance of "catch-up" periods.

Your account is debited on the same day each month for all participants; can be in ANY amount you choose; and can be cancelled at any time.

Numbered Offering Envelopes: Put your cash or cheque into the offering envelope for collection during the Sunday Worship services. Your envelope number enables us to easily track your donations and provide accurate yearly tax receipts. If you would like your offering designated to a specific program or ministry, please write it in the space provided on the back of your envelope. Offerings received in "blank" envelopes are automatically designated to "Local church expenses".

Designating your Offering: When you make a financial contribution to the life and work of the church, you may wish to designate your offering to a specific program or need. I have provided brief descriptions of the various designations provided on the offering envelopes and what they are used for:

Local: This includes cost of day to day church operations (ministry and local program support, staff wages, utilities, insurance, building maintenance and denominational fees)

Mission and Service Fund (M & S): This is NOT our local church missions but rather includes Global Mission and Service; Community and Justice work across Canada; Theological Education

and Ministry Support; Faith Formation; support to local ministries who need short-term operating support; and Regional leadership.

Other: This includes: First United Church Mission, Bread Ministry, Ryan’s Rainbow, Drainage Fund, After Service Fellowship Expenses, Run/Walk for Homeless or any other special project that requires additional financial support.

Tax receipts are issued annually (February) for those using the envelope or PAR system. If you are a regular contributor and would like to receive a set of envelopes or enroll in the PAR program, please contact Pam in the church office. Of 38 regular contributors in 2019, only 3 were using the PAR system as of December 31, 2019. The following statistics provide a comparison in annual contributions over the past three (3) years.

| | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| No. of reg. contributors (incl. PAR) | 38 | 29 | 31 |
| Contributing over \$10,000 annually | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Contributing \$8,000 to \$9,999 annually | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Contributing \$6,000 to \$7,999 annually | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Contributing \$4,000 to \$5,999 annually | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Contributing \$2,000 to \$3,999 annually | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Contributing \$500 to \$1,999 annually | 17 | 17 | 15 |
| Contributing \$250 to \$499 annually | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Contributing less than \$250 annually | 7 | 2 | 4 |

These figures include contributions to local/global missions as well as for local church operation. In 2019, 18 households contributed regularly to the Mission & Service (M & S) fund.

It is very important to contact the church office if you have had a change of address. Please review your tax receipts carefully and advise if there are any changes, errors or omissions to be adjusted.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Athey
Office Administrator

TRUSTEES REPORT

In the context of the United Church, a Trustee is an individual who, along with the other members of the Board of Trustees for a congregation, holds all of the property of that congregation for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church. The activities of the Trustees are restricted and governed variously by public statute, the United Church's Trusts of Model Deed, and the lawful directions of the Official Board and of the other Courts of the United Church having jurisdiction.

Congregational property is held by Trustees; they have the title. The Trustees hold the property for the use and benefit of the congregation as part of the United Church. The Trustees must follow the lawful directions of the Official Board or Church Board or Church Council. The Trustees cannot deal with certain property without first obtaining the consent of the Regional Council. Where an organized congregation ceases to exist, the Region determines how the property is to be used. There is a right of appeal from a Decision, to the next Court of the United Church. So it quickly becomes evident that a number of different parties have an actual or potential interest in congregational property.

The Trustees for Cliff Avenue United Church are Bob Kuhn, Fred Roberts and Leanne Mill. The Trustees did not have a meeting in 2019 and therefore has nothing to report at this time.

MEMORIAL FUND REPORT

Memorial Fund donations made to the church in memory of deceased loved ones and friends are often intended to be used for special projects or specified acquisitions and do not form part of the Church's regular operating budget. The financial administration of the fund is handled by the Church treasurer. One contribution, in the amount of \$100, was received in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Kuhn

MARRIAGES / BAPTISMS / DEATHS

There was one marriage officiated by Rev. Lynne Clarke and registered at Cliff Avenue United Church in May 2019.

There was baptism performed by Rev. Lynne Clarke and registered at Cliff Avenue United Church in June 2019.



Jean Margaret Banfield - October 2, 2019 - 92 years.
Service led by Rev. Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard in
October 2019. Historic Roll has been updated.

PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

(along with Ministry Personal Search team activity)

2019 was the inaugural year for The Pacific Mountain Regional Council (PMR). This governing body was the former BC Conference of The United Church of Canada, which underwent many changes to incorporate the new structure of governance within our denomination.

In May, The Rev Lynne Clarke and I, along with Jon Beel, attended the Sunday Service within the inaugural Annual Gathering for PMR. We witnessed and participated in a moving service of worship where several people from across the denomination were: ordained, commissioned and/or accepted into The United Church of Canada from other denominations.

During the year, the Regional Minister for our geographic area, Marc Coulombe, assisted Cliff Ave M&P, Board and Search Committee on various occasions as the search team processed the necessary paperwork to seek a new clergy appointment. The Rev Debra Bowman also assisted over the summer months, while Marc was on sabbatical. The Search Team consisted of Dr. Fred Roberts, Marty Armour, Anne Beel, Leanne Mill and Ming Woo, who met at various times from April to September preparing reports, interviewing applicants for the clergy appointed position, culminating with the appointment of the Rev Jennifer Goddard-Sheppard, effective October 1, 2019 for two years,

I personally feel blessed to have been involved in our denomination's life and work within our congregation and with the wider church through webinars during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Beel



PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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VICTORIA BC/ LEKWUNGWEN SPEAKING PEOPLE'S TERRITORY
AT THE HISTORIC CRYSTAL GARDEN VICTORIA CONVENTION CENTRE

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