

UNITED CHURCHES OF LANGLEY



ANNUAL REPORT  
"OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER"  
2020

# UNITED CHURCHES OF LANGLEY

## Weaving a Faith that Matters

### MISSION STATEMENT

**We Are a**  
*Thriving congregation*  
*Vital to the community*  
*Alive as followers of Jesus the Christ*  
*Sustainable into the future*

We are naming this booklet our Annual Report: Our Ministry Together to lift up, that what is in this report, is Our Ministry—All of Us! Through the stories and reflections on ministry, we celebrate the good work we have done in the strange and unique year that 2020 was.

Enjoy these highlights, and add your own, in the margins of this booklet, in the conversations of the Annual Congregational Meeting, and in the year to come as we continue our journey together!

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# OUR UCoL TEAM



**Rev. Sophia Ducey**

Co-Minister with focus on <50 year old Adults, Families, Children, Youth, and Communications



**Rev. Ryan Tristin Chapman**

Co-Minister with focus on >50 year old Adult Faith, Pastoral Care and Outreach



**Nigel Chuah**

Social Justice Facilitator



**Linda Szentes**

Music Leader - Musician



**Tim Bailey**

Music Leader - Choir



**Joanne Sommer**

Pianist



**Deanna Feuer**

Youth Facilitator



**Sarah Veltman**

Senior Youth Leader



**Carley Carder**

Children & Families Facilitator



**Jovana Ivanovic**

Office Administrator



**Sherry Klassen**

Finance Administrator



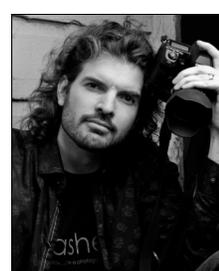
**Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld**

Temporary Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care



**William Ness**

Livestream Tech



**Brad Jarvis**

Livestream Tech



**Jayne Slawson**

Temporary Minister of Worship & Pastoral Care

In 2020, we said goodbye to our beloved **Minister Rev. Hilde Seal** who retired and moved to Vancouver Island



Her presence cherished.  
Her ministry lives on in all of us!



## LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Tom Louie

Dear Friends,  
As I sit down to write my message and reflect on the last year at United Churches of Langley (UCoL), I can honestly

say 2020 was an astonishing year, a year where our world changed...

Phases such as “the new normal”, “I will send you a Zoom invite”, “wear your mask”, “social distancing” and “Black Lives Matter” entered our vocabulary. As a society, this was the year that our country stood up and spoke loudly against systemic racism and social injustice. This was also the year when Covid-19 impacted everything, yet we have also experienced God’s faithfulness.

UCoL’s church leadership team and staff faced significant challenges and transitions in dealing with Covid-19 by pivoting the way we worship, how we meet, hiring a new Minister, Social Justice Program Facilitator, and Children & Families Facilitator.

Somehow, we thrived by employing new methods of communication via Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, Podcast, WhatsApp and reinventing our website. We were able to quickly transition from worshipping in a sanctuary filled with people to live-streaming over YouTube. UCoL’s leadership team and staff created paths that helped us to listen to congregational thoughts and needs.

Throughout the year, despite the limits of Covid-19 protocols and ever changing public health orders, UCoL has maintained its approachability, diversity of programming, community involvement and connection.

I remain forever grateful/thankful to our faithful leadership team and staff and many others who took personal risk to continue to keep our church open and carried us through 2020.

It is unclear as to how long this will last but I know that as we go forward into 2021 we will continue to do our best to keep our community connected and we will do it together as a Faith Family.

Blessings,

Tom Louie

## BOARD COMMITTEES

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tom Louie, Temporary Chair

The Property Committee is in need of people to serve on this important Board Committee.

No facility upgrade or improvement projects at Murrayville and Ft. Langley were undertaken in 2019 and 2020. Only essential facility maintenance and repairs were done such as the following:

1. Inspection and maintenance of church heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems
2. Inspection and maintenance of fire protection systems and fire equipment
3. Landscaping and snow removal services
4. Custodial services
5. Essential repairs for rental house
6. Co-ordinate church rental requests with Office Administrator for Ft. Langley and Murrayville

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Jordan-Knox for coordinating contractor building access at Murrayville and also thanks to Tom McMath for coordinating movie people rental request and building access at Ft. Langley. I also want to thank Don Turner for his assistance on a couple of maintenance projects carried out at both locations.

I am happy to report that exterior building Christmas lights were installed at Murrayville and Ft. Langley. A BIG thank you to all those who donated funds to make this happen.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Louie



*Picture taken by  
Tom McMath*

## STEWARDSHIP

Tom Louie, Stewardship Chair

What a challenging year it has been, to say the least and Covid-19 has certainly impacted our Offerings. Our Offerings started strong in January and February when compared to the same period in 2019. In March we noticed Offerings dropped because in-person worship was cancelled. Over the course of the year, there was a gradual increase due to new ways to give. We still ended with a decline in offerings and rentals compared to 2019.

I am happy to report our three investment funds (Willoughby, Bequest and Outreach) are doing well. All three funds slowly recovered the losses due to Covid-19 and a positive return was realized by year end. In my 2019 Stewardship report I mentioned that using our investment funds to offset our operating budget deficit is not sustainable for the long term and we must focus on increasing our Offerings and other revenue, and/or reducing our church operating expenditures.

Finance Committee's responsibility is to address church operating expenditures and Stewardship Committee's responsibility is look at ways to increase our Offerings and other revenue streams. Regardless of the pandemic, it is incumbent on us to prudently manage our resources (the Gifts) that God entrusts to us.

In 2020 the Stewardship Committee, comprising of Bill Pike, Tom Louie, Nigel Chuah, Matt Offer, Marjorie Stewart, Sandi Takasaki, and Rev. Sophia Ducey met via Zoom to discuss and strategize ways to increase our Offerings. In alignment with Eric Law's book "Holy Currencies" and Clif Christopher's book "Not Your Parent's Offering Plate", the Committee organized videos highlighting our various UCoL ministries. In 2020, we streamlined online donation/church giving and sent personalized congregational thank you letters. The Committee is in the process of analyzing 2020 Offering statistics and will determine initiatives to hopefully increase our Offerings in 2021, so stay tuned....

For 2021, I am very excited and hopeful various initiatives will allow us to grow and nurture our faith community keeping in mind we will continue to worship online. I simply ask each of us to examine our hearts and only give what God tells you. I pray that you and your loved ones remain safe as I know we all pray for the end to this pandemic.

Blessings, Tom Louie

## FINANCE

William Ness, Treasurer



As I am sure many have experienced, 2020 ended up unfolding much differently than we anticipated early on.

With in-person worship no longer a safe option, the Board approved the recommendation to move forward on fully Livestreamed Sunday services. This brought new costs such as the purchase of Livestream equipment and compensation for the tech team. With gracious consideration for the quality of content that was desired, the Board approved \$300 per Livestream service. This new and emerging ministry will continue until at least September 2021.

During the year, some Finance Committee members were unable to continue serving on the committee and so made the difficult decision to step down. To maintain a quorum on the Committee, the Board approved the recommendation to have Barb Nelson sit on the Finance Committee as an advisor. Dougal Shewan was also recommended to be added to the committee as an advisor and acts as the Finance Committee's liaison to our investment firm, Connor Clark & Lunn.

Near the beginning of the year came a blessing from the Government of Canada, a Wage Subsidy program to assist in managing wage expenses during this difficult time. This new subsidy, which we have been regularly filing for since April 2020, allows UCoL to recoup a percentage of our wage expenses back from the government. In 2020 we received \$104,073.54 in subsidies. This subsidy will continue to be applied for until its planned expiration in June 2021. While we are blessed to have this as an offset during trying times, we will not be adding this potential subsidy as a line in the 2021 budget as its amount fluctuates monthly.

Members of the Finance Committee held monthly finance meetings to ensure our operating and investment accounts remained in check through these uncertain times. From these meetings, monthly reports were presented at the Board meetings and were made available to congregants.

In Service, William Ness



## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

**Stacey Jordan-Knox, Chair**

Once again, the members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee extend their thanks to the Congregation of United Churches of Langley for the

opportunity to serve you in this capacity during the past year.

As a Committee of the Board, our role is to “oversee the relationships within the pastoral charge ministry, particularly the roles and functions of paid leaders and employees.” (Ministry and Personnel Committee Guidelines of The United Church of Canada)

The committee consists of Stacey Jordan-Knox, Chair, Bev Rodrigo, Janice McTaggart, Judy Chang, Jayne Slawson and Tom McMath. We were truly saddened by the passing of Tom, and send our condolences to his wife Sharon and their family. His energy and knowledge will be missed. My appreciation, as Chair, goes to this dedicated team for their faithful work.

This year, we were challenged with working under the new circumstances of Covid-19. As in-person gatherings were no longer allowed, the work experience for our paid staff was altered drastically, as we transferred into live-streamed services and “Zoom” meetings. Our thanks go to our Staff for their continued service under these unusual circumstances.

Rev. Hilde Seal retired as our Minister of Adult Faith, Pastoral Care and Outreach as of September 1, 2020, and the congregation participated in a “Drive-by” farewell. We appreciated her devotion to our congregation, her energy and faithfulness. We wish her well in all her future endeavors. An exit interview was held with her in January of 2020 with Tom Louie, Chair of the Board, Eileen Anderson, Vice-Chair and Stacey Jordan-Knox, Chair of M&P.

Nigel Chuah was hired as our Social Justice Facilitator and began work as of October 1, 2020. As of this report, he is helping to continue the several programs under his purview, and is exploring some new endeavors. We are grateful for his enthusiasm and energy in this capacity.

In November, the Search Committee completed its task and we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Ryan Tristin Chapman. There was a “Welcoming Committee” struck to assist in his orientation, which consists of Kellie Warnock, Jayne Slawson and Stacey Jordan-Knox.

A thorough review of duties and responsibilities was conducted in the Fall. We have been working to ensure that each of our employed staff members have a current, updated contract on file, and to see that working conditions for each of them are appropriate, given our current circumstances. Due to Covid-19, and the impossibility of in-person meetings, we have postponed most of our formal staff reviews until later in 2021.

Thanks also go to each of our staff members: Ministry Team, Music Leaders, Finance & Office Admin, and Children & Youth Workers for their energy and commitment.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Jordan-Knox, Chair

## TRUSTEES

**Jim Jordan-Knox, Chair**



Due to Covid-19 there have been no significant events for the Trustees to report in 2020.

The routine matters such as insurance renewal and Permissive Tax Deduction applications were looked after.

There have been no Bequests received.



## Noodlings of a Minister

Rev. Sophia Ducey

What a strange time....

I have been putting together a sound track that best describes 2020...

*A Long and Winding Road, ...*

*It's the End of the World as we Know it...*

*Don't Stand, Don't Stand, Don't Stand so Close to Me ...*

*You Will be Found, You are Not Alone ...*

And so many others!

In reflecting on the changes we have experienced together in the four years I have been with you, I was drawn back to two models that come from my previous work experiences with Margaret Wheatley and William Bridges. Both have some similarities in the view of their change models, but some differences.

Both show a transition from what is known ... to a space of unknown that is quite unstable... confusing, frustrating, and sometimes does not feel generative.... and then as new things emerge, not forced to happen but allowed to emerge and evolve, ... energy rises, newness creates more newness, and thriving returns.

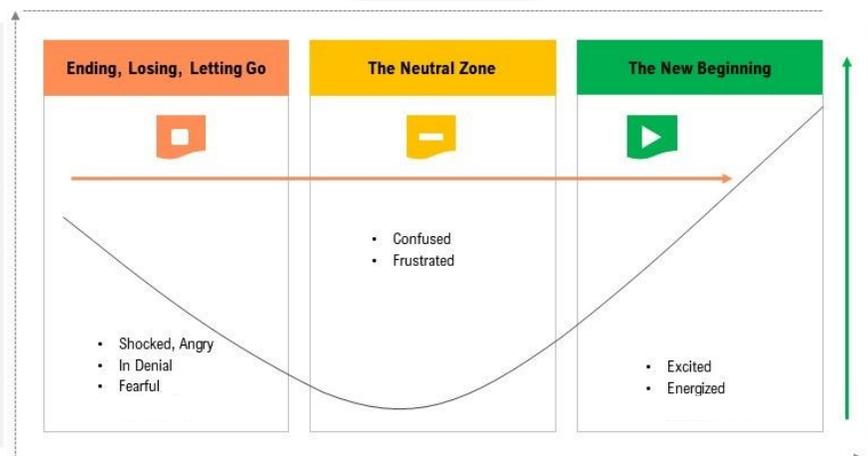
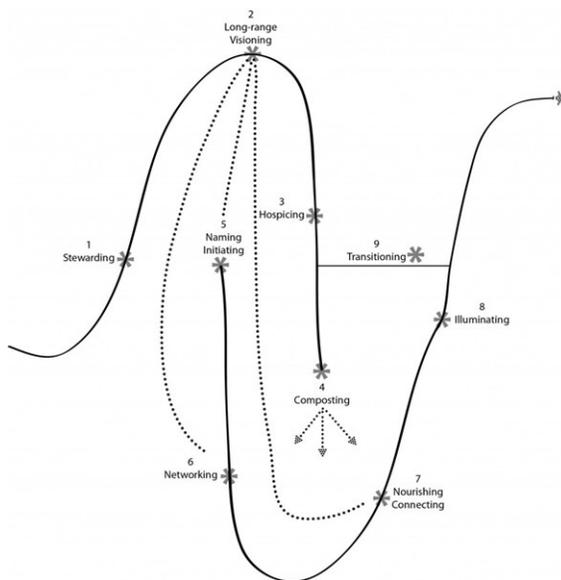
This is where I see UCoL ... Due to questions and changes initiated by me and Hilde, and in this past year where we were forced to let go of much of "what was," we have been swimming in the lower curve of both these models.

This can sometimes be called womb time, and sometimes tomb time. I have enjoyed sitting with many of you as we contemplated our journey together, reflected on the impact of Covid-19 on us individually and collectively—both the curses and the blessings... and have begun to open up to the "new thing" God is doing with and through and as us, the people and community of United Churches of Langley.

I believe we are still in the "Neutral Zone" or "Composting" and "Nourishing and Connecting" Zones... awaiting the emergence of the "new" normal that we can rely on... and yet, know that we may never rely on things staying the same, ever, again. And that is scary.

I hope we can get back to reflecting on the Theological Banquet that I spoke of in my 2019 annual report, and honouring our differences, and lifting up and celebrating our uniqueness.

And maybe, just maybe, we will be ready to BE the new thing... God's new thing, in our worship, in our community life, and in our reaching out in justice and care to the greater community. I like what I see, I love what we are co-creating with each and with God. Let's keep doing it... while we nurture ourselves in the fertile soil awaiting our blossoming after the storm...



## MINISTRY & PROGRAM TEAMS

### CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

A highlight again this year was hosting *Camp Spirit* at our Murrayville location. Because of new restrictions due to Covid-19, the camp was required to be an outdoor camp. Many of the churches who previously participated did not have outdoor space available, so we were asked to host 3 weeks of camp spirit. We had a painted labyrinth on the side lawn, and a large tent on the back lawn to create fun, engaging outdoor space.

Over the 3 weeks we served 54 children and youth from the Langley area. Some of our regulars from our congregation and St. Georges Anglican participated, but a surprise and a delight was that we had many families within walking distance of our Murrayville site join in the camp! A few parents with 4-6 year old children came by, tired and weary from the isolation of Covid-19 and asked, "can my children attend?" To their question, we gave a resounding "Yes!"

Some of our younger youth participated in the Leader in Training program and as volunteer youth crew. Janice McTaggart & Pat Thebaud were able to come and share their gifts of gardening and supporting meditation jars and peace-pole painting. Tom McMath came and did a sound-creation demonstration, playing "Yesterday" on glass bottles filled with varied amount of rainbow-coloured water to make each bottle "sing" a different note. I am forever grateful that I recorded this on my phone. What a memory!

As the Fall unfolded and we realized we would not be gathering with children and their families, we created a number of thematic engagement packets for Thanksgiving and Advent. These ended up being resources for the entire congregation, not just children & families.

As you've probably noticed, we hired Carley Carder last Fall as our Children & Families Facilitator. It has been such a delight to have her as part of our CYF team, as well as offering her musical gifts to worship. She brings a youthful presence to our church that has been supportive of the direction we are working towards—to be a place of welcome for families with young children.

Our Youth Leaders, Deanna Feuer and Sarah Veltman worked diligently during 2020 to stay connected and provide programming for youth and young adults during Covid-19. They hosted movie, cooking and game Zoom gatherings, delivered engagement kits for a few

of the seasonal activities, and made personal contact with many of our older youth and young adults. Some of our young adults who had moved away are getting support from our team due to the openness of online connection. We are grateful to be reconnected to some of our long-time friends!

A look forward: As we acknowledge that we will continue to have mostly online connection or few outdoor in-person connection, we are upgrading our website to be a place of connection, education and engagement and looking at gardening and hikes and other physically distant ways we can safely stay connected to our children, youth and families. If you haven't already checked it out, visit our new children & families website:

[www.ucol.ca/programs/children-families](http://www.ucol.ca/programs/children-families)

A new youth and young adult webpage and update on the Facebook page are forthcoming.

## Shiftpodcast.ca

What emerged from the visioning, naming, initiating and networking (see Double Loop Theory model above) was the emergence of meaningful ministry with new and existing people in their 20's, 30's and 40's.

As we began 2020, we initiated a new community building ministry that included thematic gatherings and a podcast including pre-production, production, publishing, promotion, and events and social-media engagement with this population that is finding its way to United Churches of Langley.

People who had drifted away from the congregation reengaged in new ways and new people have been welcomed in and have found a safe space to begin to re-explore their faith, deconstruct old beliefs, and begin to see that there may be a place for them in the church again.

As with many ministries, Covid-19 stalled much of our progress of the Podcast. Since Brad Jarvis & Rev. Sophia are the two key leaders of this ministry, time spent on Livestream worship took away from their time with this ministry. We give thanks for the 3 new people who have joined our Podcast team, bringing new content and views to our podcast and gatherings.

We plan to launch 12 episodes in 2021, and the online engagement that goes with that. And, as we are able, re-initiate the in-person gatherings and conversations that enhance this community building ministry.



## Rev. Ryan Tristan Chapman

Minister of Adult Faith, Pastoral Care and Outreach

November 1—December 31, 2020

What a time to start in ministry at UCoL! I have felt blessed to be embraced and encouraged by the community, and am grateful to connect with individuals and the community over Zoom and in online worship space - including in the chat alongside each service.

I eagerly anticipate education sessions beginning anew. Already in 2021, we know the Social Justice Team will offer 6 sessions on Anti-Racist teachings, starting our year off with a bang and beginning to plant seeds for even richer discussions and a more welcoming space in our future!

I look forward to the launch of a book club about Reconciliation, but I will have to coordinate with the Affirm and Social Justice Team so we do not have too many educational sessions and "over workshop" those eager to learn.

It has been quite remarkable to get to know the community, even though we have been limited by mandated isolation. With a nearly-empty building, we all show care for one another by staying home in the midst of this pandemic.

And yet, I am amazed at the space provided and the community connections within and beyond the congregation. Meeting committee and team members and individuals over virtual coffee and attending groups through Zoom has helped me to better direct worship and design upcoming programs to better suit the needs and interests of the community at UCoL.

I eagerly anticipate deepening relationships with each of you, connecting in person (when we are once again safe to do so), and weaving a faith that matters, together.

## WORSHIP

Well... this is where my sound track comes back to mind... It's *the end of the world as we know it!* Worship is a different bird altogether now! On March 16, in-person gatherings were cancelled. On March 17, we held an extraordinary Board meeting where we were approved to purchase the equipment to Livestream our worship services. On Wednesday, March 18 we ordered the equipment. By Sunday, March 22, we went live! We are so grateful to William Ness and Brad Jarvis for their leadership in this! We could not have done it without their tireless hours of recording, editing, tech trouble-shooting and so much more!



With this change, Rev. Sophia's role in worship changed. For the first 3 years at UCoL, Rev. Hilde & Rev. Sophia met quarterly to plan themes and discern scripture and some initial music ideas. We worked with the Worship Team to plan out the worship banners, and other thematic décor. And then Hilde would do the week-by-week detail planning and coordinating. Once Covid-19 hit, Sophia had to take on the role of Pre-Production manager to map out the production notes for recording and worship support materials, and schedule the various participants. We continue to work together to simplify the pre-production and production of Livestream Worship to free up time for Sophia to get on to recording, producing and launching the Shift Podcast and to begin implementing the Alternative Worship Experiences (now with added requirements to be Covid-safe) that were intended to begin in 2020.



We have been able to produce some amazing, high quality worship services, especially our Jazz Vespers and Christmas Eve Extraordinaire! It's been fun (and time-consuming) to be movie makers along with ministers & musicians and production tech! *A whole new world...* (ah... another song!)

Our Contemplative Worship and Centering Prayer group had to be cancelled due to in-person restrictions. The participants continue to do their spiritual practices on their own, and ministry leaders have provided resource materials (reading & music) for the at-home Contemplative Service.



Below are the statistics from all of our Livestream Worship Services. Total views were 16,088! Note: Views do not account for multiple people viewing on the same computer at the same time. We also had a lot more people (111,756!) see our video in their recommended video feeds... and from that we received a decent click-through rate of people checking out what was being recommended to them! With this new exposure, along with the Social Justice and Shift Podcast visibility, we can celebrate that we have created a world-wide reach with our ministry! People are being inspired, nurtured, and catalyzed to live lives of love & justice from engaging with United Churches of Langley in these new ways! We ended the year with 134 Subscribers to our YouTube channel. Let's get that to 250 & beyond in 2021!

<b>Livestream Service Title and Date</b>	<b>Views</b>	<b>Shown as YT recommended</b>	<b>Click-through rate (%)</b>
UCoL Goes Live! Online Worship - March 22, 2020	565	759	9.22
UCoL Online Worship - March 29, 2020	470	755	7.95
UCoL Online Worship - Palm Sunday - April 5, 2020	379	700	30.98
UCoL Online Worship - Good Friday - April 10, 2020	274	665	18.84
UCoL Online Worship - Easter Sunday Celebration - April 12, 2020	456	557	38.54
UCoL Online Worship - April 19, 2020	394	877	11.4
UCoL Jazz Vespers - April 19, 2020	411	1159	7.68
UCoL Worship Online - April 26, 2020 - Camping Sunday	335	594	8.42
UCoL Worship Online - May 3, 2020	403	892	8.52
UCoL Worship Online - May 10, 2020	255	578	11.94
UCoL Worship Online - May 17, 2020	327	867	5.65
UCoL Jazz Vespers - May 17, 2020	277	682	8.36
UCoL Online Worship - May 24, 2020	274	485	9.69
UCoL Online Worship - Pentecost Sunday - May 31, 2020	215	494	5.26
UCoL Worship Online - Trinity Sunday - June 7, 2020	339	13297	0.75
UCoL Worship Online - June 14, 2020	385	749	10.15
UCoL Jazz Vespers - June 21, 2020	225	654	5.66
UCoL Worship Online - Celebrating Curiosity - June 21, 2020	212	725	6.21
UCoL Online Worship - Celebrating Holy Laughter - June 28, 2020	231	700	6
UCoL Online Worship - Celebrating Wholeness - July 5, 2020	227	619	5.49
UCoL Online Worship - Celebrating Music - July 12, 2020	248	1055	5.59
UCoL Online Worship - Celebrating Prayer - July 19, 2020	208	743	5.25
UCoL Online Worship - Celebrating Ritual - July 26, 2020	209	701	3.85
UCoL Jazz Vespers - July 19, 2020	192	905	6.63
UCoL Worship Online - Celebrating Mindfulness - August 2, 2020	225	674	5.79
UCoL Worship Online - Celebrating Endings and Beginnings - August 9, 2020	351	785	8.79
UCoL Worship Online - Celebrating Peace - August 16, 2020	204	676	9.76
UCoL Worship Online - August 23, 2020	262	544	9.19
UCoL Worship Online - August 30, 2020	235	637	8.32
UCoL Worship Online - September 6, 2020	313	735	8.57
UCoL Worship Online - September 13, 2020	227	689	6.82
UCoL Worship Online - September 20, 2020	259	623	8.19
UCoL Worship Online - September 27, 2020	242	704	5.97
UCoL Worship Online - World Communion Sunday - October 4, 2020	223	885	4.86
UCoL Worship Online - Thanksgiving Sunday - October 11, 2020	318	739	8.12
UCoL Worship Online - World Food Day - October 18, 2020	229	1133	4.77
UCoL Jazz Vespers (Gabriel Mark Hasselbach & Miles Black) - October 18, 2020	1189	34866	4.21
UCoL Online Worship - October 25, 2020	356	1792	5.08
UCoL Online Worship - November 11, 2020	224	656	7.77
UCoL Worship Online - Remembrance Day Sunday - November 11, 2020	217	1252	3.35
UCoL Jazz Vespers (Linda Szentes and Jazzlinks) - November 15, 2020	444	5428	2.89
UCoL Worship Online - November 15, 2020	226	920	5.33
UCoL Worship Online - November 22, 2020	312	2054	2.24
UCoL Worship Online - Advent 1: Hope - November 29, 2020	292	3462	1.85
UCoL Worship Online - Blue Christmas - December 2, 2020	293	10273	0.83
UCoL Worship Online - Advent 2: Peace - Holly Tea Service - December 6, 2020	277	1137	5.45
UCoL Worship Online - Advent 3: Love - December 13, 2020	264	1436	4.11
UCoL Worship Online - Advent 4: Joy - Mistletoe Service - December 20, 2020	445	1123	6.06
UCoL Jazz Vespers (Leora Cashe & Jaye Krebs) - December 20, 2020	292	5153	3.97
Christmas Eve with United Churches of Langley - December 24, 2020	385	1273	4.32
UCoL Worship Online - The Christmas Tree Adventure - December 27, 2020	273	1895	3.01



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Linda Szentes and Tim Bailey



The first couple of months of 2020 witnessed exciting musical developments at UCoL; stylistically diverse anthems were chosen for the choir to offer during worship each week and was rehearsing regularly on Thursday evenings. January was also the start of UCoL's first Jazz Vespers service, featuring Linda Szentes and Jazzlinks; attendance was excellent, and the participants were treated to a rousing rendition of

"Operator, Get Me Jesus On the Line". Musical highlights in February included our second Jazz Vespers featuring the accomplished saxophonist Aaron Hardy and his quartet; one of the choir's anthems included a rousing rendition of "Down by the Riverside" for Black History Month.

March was ushered in by neither a lion nor a lamb, but by a global pandemic; a State of Emergency was declared by our government in mid-March, and churches across Canada closed their doors to in-person worship. Luckily, our worship team (Hilde, Sophia, William and Brad) had a plan, and they worked the plan diligently; we had our Livestream services set up we and did not miss a week. There was a steep learning curve; we received on the job training in how to connect virtually with congregants through links, chat, Zoom, calming 3-D images of the sea and mountains and prayer!

Music for the online services included pre-recorded music from the sanctuary from Tim, mp3's from Linda's kitchen, and videos from various guest artists for variety. Unfortunately, the choir could not meet for the rest of the choral year; in the early days of our knowledge of Covid-19 and its spread, singing was viewed as a forbidden activity. Later, this changed, but not until our understanding deepened; according to scientists, singing with masks on and maintain proper physical distancing for singing mitigates risk.

Jazz Vespers continued online throughout the summertime with stellar guests performing from their living room; this took a lot of coordinating effort from the worship team. Hilde and Sophia were sports as they weaved their texts between the jazzy video clips and calming scenes. As time progressed, the quality of the jazz services improved markedly. Beginning in the Fall, the services were recorded live in our Sanctuary and livestreamed a week or two later. In September, we had our highest viewership (over 1000 viewers) with Gabriel Hasselbach, trumpet, and Miles Black, piano, performing as a socially distanced duo.

Choir zoom sessions started in September, and in those meetings a vision of a different kind of group was communicated: a song circle composed of 6 socially distanced singers with singers' masks. We were very fortunate to have a Sanctuary large enough to accommodate 6 singers at three times the regular recommended distance (18 feet apart). Linda and Tim hashed out a plan for six song sessions to keep the singers busy during Covid-19. Unfortunately, the sessions had to stop after the first one – a Hymn Sing in November– because of the more restrictive measures enforced during by PHSA during the "Second Wave".

The Christmas spirit survived Covid-19. Advent and Xmas were filled with beautiful music and a new Reverend – Ryan Tristin Chapman (a tenor!). We had a lovely Holly Tea Service and a gorgeous Mistletoe Service with participation from the band led by Tim, socially distanced singers in quartet formation and duets, solos, stories, and poems which brought us back in touch with our traditions and history. We also had a very festive Xmas eve service with guest musicians, and a fun service the weekend after Christmas with skits, singing, and costumes.

In response to the increased restrictions towards the end of the year, the Music Ministry devised yet another plan to keep safe singing on the map: a video project. Singers would either record one by one in the sanctuary with Tim or at home. In short, when the going gets tough, the tough get going with a virtual choir (as of today's date, "A Song Must Rise" has been recorded with 7 singers participating; the project will be complete by March 1 and two churches are interested in seeing our video!). The Music Ministry's motto for 2020, after "Lord, bless us and keep us safe:" is it over yet?

## OUR CARE MINISTRIES

Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld  
and Jayne Slawson



We were blessed to have Rev. Gabrielle Suedfeld and Jayne Slawson as temporary ministers of worship and pastoral care after Hilde's retirement. Both served in such beautiful ways to support our congregation during this time of transition.

### PASTORAL CARE NETWORK TEAM

It has been a different year for the Pastoral Care Network with no in-person church services, but we have adapted and done the best we could.

We have continued to meet monthly by Zoom, to keep up the work of the church in areas of concern, contact, and pastoral care.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team, in addition to the ministers, were Jackie Peebles (chair), Gabrielle Suedfeld (secretary), Debbie Koroll, Sheryl McKenzie, and Elaine Pokorny. Our thanks to Shirley McGonigal, who continues to be a support to many in the congregation, and to keep us updated on their needs.

### CARDS

We did our usual Easter and Christmas cards to those at home or in care facilities, although we could not deliver cookies because of health concerns. Sherryl McKenzie sent out birthday cards to our elders and Debbie Koroll sent cards of sympathy, "thinking of you" get well messages.

### COMMUNICATION "VINE"

In early spring, Hilde Seal set up a "communication vine" with seventeen people who would phone others in the congregation as we were not able to be together on Sundays. They checked to see how people were coping, if they were feeling isolated and if they had concerns or felt the need to talk to one of the ministry staff. These

concerns were passed on to the Pastoral Care Team if action was needed.

All of the people in Fort Langley, over 100 family units at Murrayville, and members of the UCW have been contacted on a regular basis. We express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been involved in this important and loving ministry.

We never thought the pandemic would go on this long, but reaching out has been important for many people and our phoners felt they had really gotten to know folks better. Gabrielle Suedfeld took over the coordination of the Vine when Hilde Seal left, and has now given the master list to Ryan Tristin Chapman.

### PRAYER SHAWL GROUP

We were able to meet for a few weeks at the beginning of the year, but in March, decided to work at home. Gabrielle sent out some worship suggestions for the group, and encouraged each person to continue setting up a sacred space with a candle and a Bible on Thursday mornings as usual, to offer prayer and to knit or crochet for an hour or so in companionship with the group. There was a 15 part meditation on the New Creed that members could use in small sections each week for reflection. Many shawls have been completed but are being kept in member's homes for now. Ten shawls were blessed in July, and fifteen were given out. A shawl blessing is being planned.



## BEAR MINISTRY

Marjorie Stewart took over the "bear ministry" when Rev. Hilde Seal retired. She has taken good care of them. Shari and Lee are keeping company with Marjorie and her bear Mozart. Andy, Maxx, Lang and Donny are providing comfort in other homes. Burl is retired and has gone to live with Hilde and Char. Foster is looking for a way to continue ministry abroad, and our newest bear, Cedar, is in the church.

Marjorie has written and illustrated two books about our bears: *The Christmas Escapade* and *The Spiritual Quest*, and is planning a third this year. They will soon be available for all of us to enjoy.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

### Kellie Warnock

Stephen Ministry has continued its pastoral care throughout the 2020 year even with the challenges we faced with public health restrictions. This program provides one on one pastoral care by lay members in our congregation who have been through a 50-hour Stephen ministry training course. We have found ways to reach out virtually, by walking outdoors when

permitted, phone calls and through windows. We added a new Stephen Leader when Doug Perkins completed his Leadership Training this past year. This program exists due to the continued support of our congregation and many have benefited by the care they have received.

Sadly, we said goodbye to the support of Rev. Hilde but have been pleased to welcome Rev. Ryan into the group. We will be putting together a training class this Spring and would love to add new members to the group. If you have any questions or would like to become a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Ryan or Kellie Warnock or Doug Perkins to get more information.



## WORSHIP IN SENIORS' HOMES

### Andrea Hammond

The United Churches of Langley has been providing monthly services, in some form, to several Senior's Facilities in Langley for several years. Up until this time last year — Feb, 2020 — our lay team was providing services at Langley Lodge, Langley Gardens and Harrison Pointe.

The services are short with a few lines of scripture/ story and mostly music. The services at Langley Gardens changed a few years ago to mainly music and several members of our choir and congregation came to assist with the vocals. A communion is provided every three months at Harrison Pointe.

These services are well attended and appreciated by both residents and staff. Our lay people take great pleasure in seeing the response from the Seniors as they hear and enjoy the hymns offered.

We are hopeful that we may be able to resume our services in the near future as we know they are appreciated and needed.

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP ROLL

<b>Removed:</b>	<b>60</b>
by transfer	5
by death	7
by request	7
by board review (May 2020)	41
<b>Received</b>	<b>0</b>
Total on United Churches of Langley Membership Roll on December 31, 2020:	<b>360</b>
Active Member and Adherent households (estimated):	<b>300</b>
Households on the mailing list:	<b>262</b>
Households on email list:	<b>242</b>
2020 Child Baptisms	<b>0</b>
2020 Weddings	<b>2</b>

We remember the following people who died in 2020:

*Lori Lewis*  
*Heather Alden*  
*Art Thomas*  
*Hazel Harrower*  
*Jean Gregson*  
*Marjorie Magaw*  
*June Newburg*  
*George Mackenzie*  
*Wilma Chadney*  
*Jo Baker*  
*Mary Fehr*  
*Audrey Smith*

*And just recently in 2021:*

*Tom McMath*  
*Charles Cuthbert*



## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

**Shirley McGonigal, President**

UCW has 3 UCoL Units:  
Trinity Unit - 15 Members  
Friendship Circle - 10 Members  
Friendship Unit - 18 Members

Our first event in 2020 was the "Fraser UCW Spring Rally" with a theme of: "On The Move", held March 10, 2020. It was attended by 52 members from the Fraser Area. Evaluation rated it a positive day. Then Covid-19 hit. Normal life was put on hold.

Unit members have been in contact by emails, phone calls, and cards. Following the guidelines of Fraser Health, we have been holding small patio gatherings.

In a Sunday UCoL Online Church Service in November we made a presentation of Life Membership Pins.



Marlene  
Aylen

Heather  
Corscadden

Diana  
Cudlipp

Elaine  
Pokorny

Marion  
Ryan

Shirley

McGonigal received an award from the Congregation of UCoL for her tireless care and support as our Honorary Parish Nurse.

We continue to collect stamps for Breast Cancer and Leprosy Mission. Donna Phillips collects glasses for Operation Eye Sight. Tin Foil and egg cartons can be dropped off in the Church entry.

We were limited in fund raising activities. We donated to: UCoL \$1000, Missions \$250. Trinity Unit donated \$200 to ACCES (African Education). To our 60th UCW Anniversary Project "Women for Change in Zambia", we donated \$500. 60th Anniversary "Continuing in Hope" will be held on July 11-15, 2022 at Trade Place and Convention Centre, Sydney, Nova Scotia.

## ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Again a very different year than we had planned for! Rev. Sophia had initiated a partnership with VST Academy to bring professors to UCoL to lead workshops on various theological subjects. In January we



hosted Dr. Richard Topping for a workshop on Theology in the 21st Century—filled with lively conversation about the arts, justice, and imagination. In February, we hosted Dr. Harry Maier for a workshop on Four Gospels—Many Resurrections... a timely workshop for the death (and hopefully resurrection) we were to experience from Covid-19 just weeks after this weekend.

Our 3rd Spring workshop and our Fall workshops were cancelled due to Covid-19, so we await a time when we can gather together in learning and praying. We hosted a number of online connection and educational programs on social justice and a few of our adult faith groups were able to resume using Zoom.

A big shout out to Kellie Warnock who has been able to keep her adult faith groups going, as well as Tom McMath and Derek Bisset for keeping the Skeptics being, well, skeptical, and faithful in their continued gatherings on Zoom.

Yoga and Tai Chi have resumed when they can to keep our bodies, minds and spirits nurtured.

## BIBLE STUDY

**Kellie Warnock**

Our Bible study is held on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. We meet to discuss the scripture that will be used on the following Sunday Service. The group is open to anyone in the congregation that would like to participate in respectful, caring conversation that hopefully provides insight into the language and Word of the Bible. We have managed to continue the Bible study by Zoom and it has been a wonderful way to connect with those in our congregation that have been participating. If you have any questions or would like to engage with us, please contact Kellie Warnock.

## BOOK CLUB

**Kellie Warnock**

The United Churches of Langley Book Club has been meeting over ten years and is still going strong. During the past year we have moved our meetings to Zoom but look forward to one day meeting in person again. We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month and enjoy great fellowship over books. This is a very relaxed group that enjoys talking about books that we are reading and connecting with people in our congregation as well as those out in the community that have joined us. We try and introduce different types of genres and styles to challenge and excite our reading. If you are interested in joining or finding our more, please contact Kellie Warnock. All are Welcome.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING



### ART BREAK Sharon McMath

As with all of our Church programs in this Covid-19 year, the Art Break group were unable to gather together on Fri mornings. We all missed each other but did connect through telephone and email. Later in the summer we were able to gather in the our local park and share

our experiences and some art while we practiced safe distancing. It was great to see, enjoy and hear our challenges. (Concrete benches, township bylaw officers and wasps challenged us.)

Later, as the weather changed, we were able to meet inside while following all the indoor Covid-19 rules. Unfortunately, as Covid-19 numbers rose in the fall, we felt it was best to avoid taking chances. We have been keeping in touch through emails and phone calls and I have challenged the group to try focusing on art occasionally.

When we meet again we will share and enjoy a show and tell of our Covid-19 masterpieces. We did video an invitation for others to come out and enjoy this fun/interesting group last fall. We hope that this new year will eventually bring a safe return to regular meetings.



### CÉILIDH Jack & Margaret Williamson

Our Ceilidh came to an abrupt halt after twelve years in March of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. After evaluating the situation

at the time and with what we knew then about the virus, we cancelled the March 2020 Ceilidh.

Given the nature of the event and in compliance with Provincial guidelines, it will be awhile before the Ceilidh can restart. Hopefully, the Ceilidh will revive itself in the future. I highly recommend that the UCoL support doing so. It is an outstanding outreach into the community and is and was highly valued by its attendees. The Ceilidh also makes a little money for the Church. There will need to be some rebuilding of both our

audience, talent base and support team. The Ceilidh does still have its stage equipment. Currently, we are holding a small petty cash, \$400.00 plus a & \$75.00 float back that we used to pay for supplies, & equipment replacement. (We were considering a new monitor & a pair of mics)

We manage to have seven Ceilidhs between September 2019 and February 2020 (inclusive). Again all were highly successful events with full or near full houses. We earned and submitted \$2,558.45 to the Church. Tim Jones, Margaret and I are willing to facilitate re-starting a post-Covid-19 Ceilidh. However, other team members will be needed for this amazing ministry. Margaret and I will take lesser roles in the future but will remain supportive and connected. Many of us would like to see the Ceilidh rekindled.



### SOCIAL LUNCH Barbara Beck

Social Lunch usually happens the third Wednesday of each month from September to March, and is open to all member of the congregation as well as the community. The cost of lunch is by donation. Lunch

consists of soup made in the Church kitchen, fresh bread and butter as well as a delicious dessert. We try to comply with different dietary needs.

Our first lunch of 2020 in January had to be cancelled because of bitterly cold weather and a snow storm. February looked promising as it had already started to feel like spring. We enjoyed a hearty lunch that day, and were looking forward to March. And then Covid-19!

I have been trying new soup recipes at home this past year and looking forward to serving soup again soon, I need some "test kitchen" experts!

Many of us keep in touch by phone and it is always energizing to hear all the different projects that people have been doing, but most of us can't wait to be together again in person and share our stories.

Stay Safe  
Barbara Beck



## SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH

Nigel Chuah

2020 has been the year of beginnings for the Social Justice & Outreach Ministry. A team was developed. A facilitator was hired.

A program was started. The goal was to use the legacy funds for social justice. We consulted in early 2020 as a congregation, and learned of 3 general areas of outreach.

The analogy of a river was used where children were being rescued from the river downstream. We called this *Embodied Ministry*, where we help with the immediate need for survival. We support many kinds of outreach at this level, such as feeding children at Nicomekl Elementary, feeding families through Sources Langley Food Bank, and providing safety through refugee sponsorship.

The analogy then went midstream, where the children were being taken care of, nurtured, and supported to get back on their feet. We called this *Community Building / Healing Ministry*, where we foster healing by journeying together in community. We support this kind of outreach through programs such as Stephen Ministers and *SHIFT!*

Lastly, the analogy went upstream, where the goal was to find out and stop the cause of the children entering the danger of the river in the first place. We called this *Systems Change*. And we are beginning to support this kind of ministry through workshop education on subjects like racism and privilege. We are also beginning to advocate and bring awareness to systemic issues in our community such as sexism, ableism, classism, ageism, and so much more!

We, as the congregation, responded to these 3 areas of outreach as follows: We acknowledged that we place the overwhelming majority of our outreach in *Embodied Ministry*, downstream of the river. We wanted to see growth in *Community Building / Healing Ministry*, midstream of the river. And we overwhelmingly wanted to learn about *Systems Change*, upstream of the river.

In the 3 months since I started in October 2020, I have mostly focused on *Embodied Ministries* and *Systems*

*Change*. In the area of *Embodied Ministries*, I have been connecting with our existing ministries and figuring out ways to promote them and continue the programs during Covid-19 time - together in partnership with the leaders who are running it.

You may have seen the [Mitten Tree](#) video, the [Christmas Hamper Program](#) video, the [Egg Carton collection](#) video, and the [Sources Langley Food Bank](#) tour. It is great to be able to continue these ministries, sometimes in a reimaged Covid-way. Through the creation of an online connection by way of these videos, the 2020 Mitten Tree was as successful as in other non-Covid-19 years! Likewise the Egg Carton and Aluminum collection has been restarted and we have already delivered 3 large drop offs. We also met the need for more volunteers at Sources Langley Food Bank, as our video promotion went locally viral, and a significant increase in volunteer calls resulted.

I have also connected and worked with the new Affirming Ministries team, the Shewan Foundation, the Nicomekl Breakfast Program, the Starfish Pack Program, the Fort Langley Farmers Market, the Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation team, and the Refugee Sponsorship team.

A lot of things are happening in these programs as well, as they continue serving our community, and as we continue supporting them financially through the legacy fund. As I continue to work with these exciting existing ministries, I am also starting to reach out to other programs in the community to build partnerships and funding opportunities. So far, I have met with the Langley Community Services Society, the Langley Seniors in Action, and BC Housing. And I am looking forward to other partnerships we are building in the near future.

In the area of *Systems Change*, I have been working on educating and advocating for social justice issues.





## **Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting United Churches of Langley**

**March 8, 2020 at 12 noon in the Upper Hall at Murrayville following the 10:30 worship service.**

### **Welcome and Call to Order**

Tom Louie, Board Chair, welcomed everyone to our Annual Congregational Meeting, and called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

### **Quorum**

According to the UCC Manual, for a congregation of 100 or more members at least 20 full members must be present to convene a congregational meeting. Since there were 66 full members present a quorum was declared. There were also 9 adherents present for a total of 75 people in attendance.

### **Review the Agenda**

Rev. Hilde advised that the *In Memoriam remembrance would be presented at the end of the meeting.*

### **Opening Reflection**

Rev. Hilde opened the meeting with a reflection: *Change ... Leaning into the Possibility of our Ministry Together.*

***It was M/S Kellie Warnock/Bev Rodrigo to include Adherents as Eligible Voters***

***CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR***

***It was M/S Maureen Burgess/Janice McTaggart to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting which was held March 3, 2019***

***CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR***

***It was M/S Matt Offer/Bill Pike to receive and accept the 2019 Meaning and Mission Report (Annual Report).***

***CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR***

### **Search Committee Update**

Chair of the Search Committee, Dale Hewitt, then gave a report on the progress this committee has made. They have been working on the *Community of Faith Profile, which includes Living Faith Stories, Financial Viability, the Job Description, UCoL Governance Model etc. the purpose being to let potential candidates know ALL about UCoL. Dale stated that their work is going well, and he thanked Rev. Hilde and Rev. Sophia for their help. This document will be presented for Board approval at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Approval is then needed from our congregation, after which the document will be forwarded to Pacific Mountain Region for approval. Once these approvals are received, our job posting will be placed on the UCC Church Hub for potential candidates.*

**Nominations Committee Report – Sylvia Mountain (Chair), Eilleen Anderson & Peggy Lenti  
(Peggy was unable to join us today.)**

Eilleen began by acknowledging those who will be stepping down from the Board: Andrea Hammond (Presbytery representative) has completed her term; Marion Ryan (Trustee) has resigned; and Don Turner (Chair of Property and Maintenance) has also resigned.

On behalf of the congregation, many thanks to them for their commitment and dedication.

Eilleen stated that the following **Board members** are now in the second year of their two-year terms:

Chair	<b>Tom Louie</b>
Vice-Chair	<b>Eilleen Anderson</b>
Past-Chair	<b>Sylvia Mountain</b>
Treasurer	<b>William Ness</b>
Chair of Finance	<b>John Taggart</b>
Member-at-Large	<b>Lynda Christensen</b>

The following three nominations were presented by Eilleen, as these Board members were willing to let their names stand for a further 2-year term. A request for further nominations from the floor was announced three times before each of these candidates was declared elected. They will all be serving the first year of their second 2-year term.

Secretary	<b>Maureen Burgess</b>
M&P Chair	<b>Stacey Jordan-Knox</b>
Member-at-Large	<b>Kellie Warnock</b>

Sylvia advised that the following people have agreed to let their names stand to serve as our three Representatives to the Pacific Mountain Region (PMR – formerly Presbytery). A request for further nominations from the floor for each position was called three times before these candidates were declared elected. They will all be serving the first year of a 2-year term. Sylvia introduced our three new Board members, sharing a little bit of their backgrounds. We are happy to welcome them to the Board of UCoL.

**Chandra Carlson**  
**Marianne Clarke**  
**Doug Perkins**

The Nominations Committee had been unable at this point to recruit anyone to fill the position of Chair of Property and Maintenance, so nominations were called three time from the floor.

Bill Pike nominated Wayne Markel. However, Wayne declined with thanks. Work will continue to find someone willing to fill this position.

The slate is completed with the UCW Representative (President or designate)  
**Lynda Christensen** has been duly designated by the UCW.

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Eilleen then announced the **Trustees:**

John Taggart has completed the third year of a three-year term, and has agreed to stand again for another three-year term. Nominations were called from the floor three times. There being none, John has been elected to the first year of another 3-year term.

Therefore, below is the **Board of Trustees:**

<b>Jim Jordan-Knox</b>	Third year of a 3-year term
<b>Alan Gregson</b>	Third year of a 3-year term
<b>Sharon McMath</b>	Third year of a 3-year term
<b>Jackie Peebles</b>	Third year of a 3-year term
<b>Dougal Shewan</b>	Third year of a 3-year term
<b>Kellie Warnock</b>	Second year of a 3-year term
<b>John Taggart</b>	First year of a 3-year term

Many thanks to all of those who will be serving UCoL for 2020-2021

### **Acknowledgement**

At this point, Tom Louie asked Barb Nelson to come forward in order to thank her for the many hours of work she put in over a period of nearly three years, to provide numbers and dates for the RCMP in order to bring to a conclusion the investigation of the unfortunate incident around the embezzlement of funds from our church, discovered in 2017 and dating back to 2015. Barb was presented with a vase of roses.

### **2019 Financials and 2020 Budget**

William used a power point presentation to summarize our 2019 financials, and answered questions.

The 2020 budget was then presented along with a Booklet *Drawing on Holy Currencies* which detailed this 2020 Budget and "Our Ministry Together." More questions were asked and answered. Those present at this meeting were then invited by Rev. Sophia to share just a few minutes to talk about this with each other. Bill Pike also spoke on how he appreciated the pastoral care ministry.

Tom spoke around Stewardship with short presentations on Ministry areas: Kellie spoke about Stephen Ministries; Nigel spoke about Shift!; and William spoke about the Donation Kiosk, which has now been installed in the narthex. Rev. Hilde explained about the Social Justice and Outreach Committee's plans and answered questions.

John noted that there was an error on Page 14 of the 2020 Budget booklet and asked that the 2019 Ending Balance of the Bequest Fund be corrected to \$631,442.00

*It was M/S Jim Jordan-Knox/Jamie Nelson to receive the 2019 Financials (unaudited).*

**CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR**

*It was M/S Jim Jordan-Knox/Tom McMath to receive and approve the 2020 Operational Budget*

**CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR**

*Page 4 of 4***Sustainability and Giving**

Tom, as chair of the Stewardship Committee, talked about the need to increase our givings to sustain our various UCoL ministries. He encouraged people to read the Stewardship Committee report in the 2019 Meaning & Mission (Annual) Report to better understand what Stewardship is all about. How much to give is an individual choice, and the various ways to give and the tax savings available are in the 2020 Budget booklet (*pages 14-17*). *Tom asked that people take a moment to read that information and to please consider if they could increase their givings in 2020 – every little makes a difference.*

The Stewardship Committee will look at various other UCoL revenue streams to see if there are ways to increase those as well during 2020.

**Review of 2019 records**

Agatha Cluff is an independent accountant, who has been reviewing our records for many years.

*It was M/S John Taggart/Lyle Phillips to approve a contract to hire Agatha Cluff to review the 2019 United Churches of Langley records.*

***CARRIED WITH ALL IN FAVOUR***

**In Memoriam**

Rev. Hilde said a few words of remembrance for those members and friends who had passed away during 2019. As Rev. Hilde read their names Elaine Pokorny handed a rose to a family member or friend of each of the following people, and we remembered them and gave thanks for their lives as the roses were placed in a vase at the front of the gathering:

*Bruce Alexander, Vi Baker, Jack Bennett, Doreen Brinnen, Mel Chatwin, Trudy Cuthbert, Phyllis Edward, Tim Gabert, Rod Harford, Agnes Heffner, Peggy Kelly, Auguste Martel, Rose Miller, Peggy Moore, Thornton Smith, Joan Tout, Jean Worden.*

Rev. Sophia led a closing worship.

*It was M/S Janice McTaggart/Fred Rodrigo that the meeting be adjourned at 2:20 p.m.*

***CARRIED***

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Tom Louie

Chair

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Maureen Burgess

Recording Secretary

<b>United Churches of Langley Women Financial Report 2020</b>			
Submitted by Lynda Christensen, UCW Treasurer			
<b>Shares</b>	<b>\$30.41</b>		
<b>Balance from 2019</b>	<b>\$1,757.92</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenses</b>	
Memorials	\$490.00	Memorial	\$81.90
Extra sales from Holly Luncheon	\$50.00	UCW ACM Luncheon	\$268.80
UCW ACM Luncheon	\$389.35	UCW Membership Pins	\$300.00
Friendship UCW	\$40.00	Fraser UCW	\$250.00
Trinity UCW	\$38.00	M&S Fund	\$250.00
Ft Langley Friendship UCW	\$20.00	National Dues	\$60.00
Interest - Jan - October	\$2.05	Donation to Zambia	\$500.00
Transfer from Friendship UCW	\$940.26	United Churches of Langley	\$1,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3,727.42</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,710.70</b>
		<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,016.88</b>

Here's to 2020 being over!  
And 2021 just beginning!

Let's explore what the Spirit is calling us  
to Be and Do, together,  
as We Weave a Faith that Matters in 2021!

Together, although we are apart.  
Connected, remembering, We Are Not Alone.



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