

Rockwood and Stone United Churches Annual Report 2021

Stone United Church

Annual Meeting
February 6, 2022



The Little Church with a Big Heart

*“Jesus is our Saviour and our example.
Through the love and forgiveness of God,
we are empowered
at Stone United Church
to grow spiritually, to love and serve
those in our family, church, community
and the world.
We will express our faith
by serving needy families.”*

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Live, Love, Laugh

*“We are the body of Christ,
chosen to live together in peace.
Shaped by our love of God,
nurtured in the life of Christ
and embraced by
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
we welcome all to God’s family.
Come and live simply, love generously,
and laugh freely.”*



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Letter from Minister Heather Leffler

Dear Siblings in Christ, like the Israelites, we experienced another year in the wilderness in 2021. Faced with lack of food, they looked back with longing for the pots of meat they ate from in Egypt. In the same way, we longed for the way things were before the pandemic. For a time, vaccines, like manna, brought hope. With so many Canadians double vaccinated, surely we could avoid another wave of Covid-19.

Sometimes, like the Israelites, we may even have been tempted to ask where God was in the midst of the fear, illness, economic challenges, social isolation and death. The Spirit has been with our congregations of Rockwood and Stone. Meeting on Zoom allowed us to invite Tim Reaburn from Affirm United and Vicki Olatundun from Chalmers Community Services to share with us. Recording their inspiring messages taught us to post our services on YouTube to reach people who struggle connecting on Zoom through a link in Contemplation and Conversation. Your calls, emails and social distance visits, sharing your music, reading in worship, caring for and decorating our churches inside and out, the congregation packs, and especially the beautiful Christmas cards, have kept us connected. I have been especially grateful to Lisa Leffler for nudging me to find new ways we can connect to one another.

Our Reopening Commission's prayerful leadership gave us opportunities to safely worship outdoors in the summer and a cautious reopening plan for the fall. Continuing worship on Zoom, followed by worship in one of our churches each Sunday, gave the gift of seeing each other in person. The plan to celebrate Christmas Eve on Zoom made online-only worship easier in the face of new restrictions due to omicron.

Despite the challenges our committees continue to find creative ways to reach out and deepen connections. In June we covenanted with Western Ontario Waterways. Our Good Friday service and Stone's Canadian Foodgrains Bank Committee have strengthened our connections with neighbouring United Churches, while raising funds to reduce food insecurity around the world. Rockwood Outreach, through food fixes and other creative fundraising and our Lent and Advent offerings, has helped us make a difference in the lives of people who reached out to us and through our partners Anishnabeg Outreach, East Wellington Community Services, Mission and Service and the Rural Women's Support Program. In addition to these partners, the UCW supported the nutrition programs in local schools.

We have welcomed new families in both congregations. Zoom allowed us to continue all our existing studies and activities. I was able to spend time with our children at Rockwood, youth from Stone and the confirmation class. This is not an easy time but journeying through it together has brought much joy.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generous support that make it possible for our congregations to care for each other in this time and to make a difference in the lives of others. Even as we long for the promised land beyond Covid-19, I am so grateful to serve with you.

Like this tree rooted in the rocks may our faith continue to be grounded in God, our Rock and Redeemer. Like a lamb may we continue to grow in the love of Jesus, and guided by the Spirit, may we reach out in love to our communities and the world.

Blessings,

Rev Heather Leffler



*Symbols from our Covenant
with Western Ontario Waterways
Regional Council*

Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Committee Reports

Affirming Discernment Circle

Submitted by Brent Stiles

Members: Marion Bascom, Barb Eley, Liz Guthrie, Lisa Leffler, Brian Mack, Brent Stiles

The Affirming Discernment Circle met every few months in 2021 by Zoom to discuss and plan our next steps in making our individual churches affirming churches. Our focus in 2021 was to provide educational opportunities within our church services on what it means to be affirming. We also continued to provide readings, videos and prayers within Contemplation and Conversation which is sent out to all congregants during the week. In June of 2021, we were fortunate to have the Rev. Tim Reaburn join us for Rockwood's Anniversary service on Zoom. Tim is the Minister of Word, Sacrament and Administration at Sauble Beach United Church. He shared with us his work with Affirm United and the journey of his own church in becoming an affirming church. We were also fortunate to have two other guest speakers from Rockwood who shared their personal journeys with family members who came out as part of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Marion Bascom shared the coming out story of her daughter and the initial struggles and eventual embracing of her daughter's sexuality that occurred. Brent Stiles shared the coming out story of his daughter, Claire, as transgender and the initial feelings of both him and his newfound daughter.

In 2022, the Affirming Discernment Circle will continue to meet regularly. It is our hope that in 2022, we can put together a Vision Statement concerning the inclusion of all people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and work of the ministry of Rockwood and Stone United Churches. The statement will also include inclusivity in a variety of areas including class, race, sex, age and ability. This will involve input from members of the congregations. We will also create a future plan of action for the ministry at Rockwood and Stone United Churches. In order to become affirming churches, each church will need to hold a vote at a duly called special congregational meeting.

We thank you for your continued participation and meaningful discussions that have taken place in our services.

Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

12 people attended one or more of the four Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun gatherings on Zoom. Our themes were Jonah, Psalms and Praise, Healing and Hope and Covenant and Promises. Through conversations, quizzes, crafts and worship, we explored the themes. Craft supplies were delivered to families. The group prepared Readers Theatre of Mark 5:1-20 and 1 John 4:7-21 used in worship for Mental Health Sunday on May 2.

Finance and Stewardship

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Note Taker

Members: Pastoral Charge – Peter Guthrie (Treasurer of Pastoral Charge Trustees), Randy Dewey, (Chair), Roy Steinberg (Treasurer); **Rockwood** – Property and Finance – Colleen Baeumler, Amanda Hunter-Anthony (Treasurer), Sherol Steinberg (Chair); **Stone** – Property and Finance – Bill Allen (Treasurer), Edie Ward (UCW), Jack Ward (Chair); Heather Leffler (Minister)

The committee met on April 15, with Rockwood and Stone Trustees and Tomas Rincon of Frontier Capital to better understand Frontier's Canoe Funds that were developed for United Church congregations and members. These funds follow United Church investment guidelines being 97% compliant with environmental and social investing.

It was agreed to pay for Heather Leffler's Zoom license for 2021. We will purchase a license for the Pastoral Charge when we move back to worshipping in our churches but want to keep sign-in consistent for the time being.

Bill Allen and Amanda Hunter-Anthony were thanked for the inspiring thank you letters that they included with the 2020 income tax receipts.

Bill Allen, Brian Mack, Heather Leffler and Sherol Steinberg took part in a Called to be the Church: The Journey workshop with Dave Jagger, the Stewardship and Gifts Officer for Western Ontario Waterways. The Case for Support the group wrote showing what we are doing in our churches became our Christmas flyer. The Stewardship Analysis Report we received was shared with the committee.

In October, the Committee reviewed the draft Pastoral Charge Budget for 2022. It was decided to budget a transfer from the Manse Fund equivalent to the housing portion of the minister's salary for 2022. This will then reduce the transfers from the congregations.

Dave Jagger wrote a letter of encouragement noting that according to our statistics, our givings from 2019 to 2020, to our local mission and ministry increased by 3% and we had an increase of four identifiable givers. The Committee received Dave's letter with cautious gratitude. We are grateful to our PAR and other givers who have continued to support our churches through the pandemic.

Ministry and Personnel

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Members: Rosslyn Bentley, Randy Dewey, Peter Guthrie, Frances Jamieson, Brian Mack, Ellen Thomson

As members of Ministry and Personnel (M & P), we are often asked about our role within the hierarchy of church governance. The mandate of our committee is clearly defined in our Terms of Reference that were adopted by the Pastoral Charge Board in 2020. M & P is accountable for the following as defined in Section B.7.8.5 of the Manual:

- a) being available for consultation and support for matters involving the pastoral charge staff,
- b) overseeing the relationship of the pastoral charge staff to each other and to people in the congregation,
- c) regularly reviewing the working conditions, responsibilities, and compensation of all pastoral charge staff,

- d) making any recommendations needed as a result of these reviews to the Pastoral Charge Board,
- e) revising position descriptions of pastoral charge staff as needed,
- f) conducting annual performance reviews of the pastoral charge staff,
- g) ensuring pastoral charge staff make use of opportunities for continuing education that they have been given; and
- h) maintaining close contact with the Regional Council Pastoral Relations Committee or equivalent

In short, M & P has three distinct roles: the consultative and supportive role, the healthy relationships role, and the supervisory role. We are responsible for providing a confidential process that allows our congregations the opportunity to raise concerns about ministry personnel or lay employees. Should you have concerns, you are encouraged to speak to a member of the committee in confidence. Undocumented allegations, anonymous complaints, and rumours will not be considered.

The Ministry and Personnel committee met twice during 2021.

At our meeting on May 5, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom, Rosslyn Bentley was thanked for her many years of service as both Chair and Secretary of the Committee. Brian Mack assumed the position of Chair and Ellen Thomson assumed the position of Secretary. Members of the committee were

- Reminded that many of us take on multiple roles within our individual churches and at the Pastoral Charge Board level given the size of our congregations. As a result, we have developed the practice of declaring a conflict of interest when appropriate or inviting another member to declare when there is a conflict or perceived conflict of interest.
- Updated by Rev. Leffler on her 2021 goals – To continue to engage with our children and youth outside of Sunday mornings; to work with our Discernment Circles and Committees to build on the learnings from the pandemic; and to help us find safe ways to re-connect.
- Informed that Ellen Thomson and Brian Mack had attended regional M & P workshops in November 2020 and March 2021 respectively.
- Reminded of the necessity of conducting annual review meetings with all those who receive compensation. Members of the committee volunteered to conduct these reviews.
- At the meeting held on October 21, 2021 via Zoom at 7:30 pm members of the committee received oral reports from committee members re: annual reviews of all lay personnel.
- Received an oral report presented by Brian Mack and Rosslyn Bentley concerning Rev. Leffler’s annual review. Rev. Leffler was thanked for her innovative and supportive work in “building community” over the course of the past year especially in the areas of preaching, faith formation, pastoral care, and outreach. The extra time she devoted to learning new technology and in encouraging our faith community to make the best use of this technology both in worship and in governance was recognized.
- Discussed ways in which our churches can support our lay employees and Rev. Leffler.
- Provided recommendations to the Pastoral Charge Board re: salary and benefits for Rev. Leffler and our Secretary, Sharyn Southworth.
- Received Rev. Leffler’s goals for 2022. Those goals are as follows: Use technology and learnings from the pandemic to create blended worship that includes people on Zoom and in our churches to deepen relationships within our communities of faith; support our Trustees at

Rockwood and Stone; continue to engage our children and young people outside of Sunday worship including through Confirmation; work with our secretary to begin digitizing and organizing files so that all church leaders have access to them.

- Encouraged our Councils to review honorariums unique to each church.

Our church secretary, Sharyn Southworth, accepted a position with Arthur Public Library and left the employ of Rockwood-Stone Pastoral Charge on November 22, 2021. Sharyn was thanked by Ministry and Personnel for her three years of service and presented with a Christmas wreath on behalf of the Pastoral Charge. Thanks to Marcia Haworth for designing the wreath and to John Leffler for delivering it to Sharyn.

Following Sharyn's resignation, Ministry and Personnel recommended to the Pastoral Charge Board, at their meeting of November 9, that Lisa Leffler be appointed as interim church secretary effective November 22, 2021 for a period lasting no longer than until December 31, 2022. The recommendation was accepted. We welcome Lisa to her new position and look forward to her input as Ministry and Personnel review and develop a new secretarial job description in the New Year.

In closing, Ministry and Personnel wish to thank our congregations for their support of our Minister, our lay employees, and all of our committees and discernment circles throughout 2021. We look forward to the continued cultivation of healthy relationships in 2022.

Minister's Report to Ministry and Personnel for 2021

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

Worship and Faith Formation – We have continued to develop our worship on Zoom, thanks to our musicians Liz Guthrie and Heather Blair, our Eramosa Ensemble, musicians from Stone and Rockwood, Worship and Faith Formation Committees and Lisa Leffler's encouragement. I am grateful we can now offer unlisted recordings of worship on YouTube for people not able to access Zoom. In August and September, Ray and Ellen Thomson hosted worship for Rockwood and the outdoor services at Stone provided wonderful opportunities to see each other face to face. Four services at Rockwood and three at Stone following Zoom worship in the fall gave us the opportunity to meet new families, and welcome new members at Stone. Thanks to all the volunteers who help with Contemplation and Conversation and our Congregational Packages, we are able to reach out beyond Zoom.

Our Bible Study on the Epistles; the Genesis Book Club; Spiritual Saturdays organized by Lisa Leffler and Heather De Jonge; the Lenten Study on Celtic Christianity led by Lisa Leffler with Brian Mack's assistance all continued online.

Children and Young People – One Saturday morning each month, I hosted Kids Time for Rockwood where we explored the stories of the wise men, baptism of Jesus, Holy Week and Easter with activities, crafts, songs and videos. I shared conversations with the young people from Stone one Sunday evening a month from January to May. In the fall, I began meeting with the Confirmation Class at Stone.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship – Hosting Coffee Connections – thanks to Gord Carothers for filling in for me from time to time – and Tea and Talk most weeks on Zoom and meeting with the women outside at Ollie Darcie's for social distanced visits in the summer and fall have been a gift. We were grateful to be able to distribute our photo directory early in the year. I am thankful to Patty Lancaster at Stone and Ian Pasmore at Rockwood for sending out cards and everyone who contacts members of our church families. Connecting through phone calls, emails, outside visits, creating Congregational Packages and

sending Christmas cards keeps you in my heart and mind. Lou Darcie's presence and care is deeply missed.

Outreach – It is a privilege to work with Rockwood Outreach and the Stone Foodgrains Committee. They planned the many creative activities to support Mission and Service, Anishnabeg Outreach (AO), the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, East Wellington Community Services and the Rural Women's Support Program. The 2nd Annual Garden Tour and Pumpkin Fest were wonderful opportunities to be together despite the weather. John and I joined AO on Orange Shirt Day to braid sweet grass and acknowledge the harm of residential schools.

Discernment Circles – I am grateful to the Affirming Discernment Circles for the many ways they have invited our congregations to recognize our biases and find ways to be inclusive of all people. The Governance Discernment Circle's work is almost complete. Through our Zoom Discernment we continue to learn more about the technology needed to hold hybrid worship. I have attended seminars with Emmanuel College and other webinars on technology.

I meet with our Board, Councils, Committees and Discernment Circles as I am able to offer support and co-ordinate activities. I am especially grateful for the work of our Finance and Stewardship Committee encouraging stewardship, and the Reopening Commission for their prayerful decision making to keep our congregations safe this year. I continue to work with Rockwood's Trustees.

Administration – Our secretary Sharyn Southworth came into the office to print Annual Reports and newsletters and worked online. I am grateful to Amanda Hunter-Anthony for picking up the mail regularly. I am very grateful to our treasurers for their help with the annual statistics. I enjoy preparing the Annual Reports, newsletters and Christmas flyers and am grateful to Board members and other volunteers who help with writing and editing. I also appreciate working with Lisa Leffler, since Sharyn resigned. Lisa has helped me learn more about online platforms.

Continuing Education and Self Care – My continuing education included time reading and attending the Festival of Homiletics, Center for Action and Contemplation's Conspire Conference online, Grace and Gigabytes and a number of other webinars. My ministry continues to be enriched by meeting with Guelph clergy for coffee once or twice a month. Meeting my support group and my spiritual director monthly helped to keep me grounded.

Neighbouring United Church – It was a gift to have Eramosa Pastoral Charge join us on Good Friday on Zoom. Stone's CFGP project helped us stay connected with Arkel, Barrie Hill/Speedside, Ebenezer and Erin/Ballinafad United Churches.

Rockwood Ministers – I continue to meet most months with the Rev. Diane Boyd from Rockwood Presbyterian and Fr. Mark Morley from Sacred Heart.

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council (WOW) – I am on the executive of WOW and in the summer served as acting President while the President and President Elect were on Sabbatical. Thanks to Liz Guthrie at Stone and Sarah Leffler at Rockwood for representing us online for the WOW Annual Meeting in May, and Liz at the fall meeting. I continue to serve as the pastoral charge supervisor for Ebenezer United Church.

I also continue to serve as co-chairperson of the Guided Prayer Network.

Reopening Commission

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Members: Bill Allen, Rosslyn Bentley, Randy Dewey, Barb Eley, Liz Guthrie, Marcia Haworth, Heather Leffler, Kay Mathies, Sherol Steinberg, Jack Ward

The Commission met on February 3, July 15, October 5, and December 8 via Zoom. Our decisions as to the timing and nature of reopening were informed by the following:

- advice from the national church and from Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council
- guidelines provided by the Government of Ontario, Wellington-Guelph-Dufferin Public Health and Waterloo Region Public Health
- the expertise and experiences of the members of the Commission (much thanks to Sherol Steinberg for her knowledge of how sports organizations have handled Covid and to Rosslyn Bentley who brings the public health perspective through her position with Woolwich Community Health Centre)
- Rev. Leffler's work on the executive of Western Ontario Waterways and her networking with other churches
- the needs of our congregations – the congregations had an opportunity for input during Zoom worship, through our various committees and discernment circles (especially Worship and Faith Formation), at Pastoral Charge Board meetings, through conversations at outdoor worship gatherings, and through contact by e-mail or phone (thanks to Sherol Steinberg at Rockwood and Pastoral Care at Stone)

Most of our work throughout the year involved establishing a detailed, written set of protocols which covered screening of employees and worshippers, calculation of church capacity based on physical distancing of 2 metres, procedures for pre-registration to ensure equal access for all, procedures for entry and exit from our churches, etiquette to be observed during worship, procedures for cleaning/sanitizing, and procedures if a possible exposure to Covid-19 occurred.

These protocols were successfully put into effect on November 12 as we resumed limited in-person worship. Unfortunately, in the month that followed, the number of Covid-19 cases in Ontario began to rise sharply with the emergence of the omicron variant. By December 15, through the vehicle of email, our commission unanimously decided to once again suspend in-person worship until at least January 9, 2022, as we continue to err on the side of caution to ensure the safety of staff and worshippers. Developments at the local and provincial level continue to be monitored constantly and will help shape our approach to worship in 2022.

The Commission wishes to thank all members of our congregations for their co-operation and patience throughout 2021. Special thanks is extended to Rev. Leffler for helping us to establish a vision for reopening which is sensitive to providing a parity of experience for those worshipping on-line and those who worship in person. Our congregations have grown in their capacity to "be in community" during the pandemic, and our task is to further enhance this growth as we continue to wrestle with the ups and downs of Covid-19.

Trustees

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister, Chair

Trustees: Stone – Randy Dewey, Peter Guthrie (Treasurer), Paul May, Eileen McDougall
Rockwood – Rosslyn Bentley, Frances Jamieson, Darryl Nichol, Christine Wenger
Heather Leffler (Minister)

The Trustees did not meet in 2021. The Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Manse Fund is invested with Canoe Financial. Signatories on the account are Peter Guthrie and Heather Leffler. \$4,000 was transferred from the Manse Fund to the Pastoral Charge to be used for the minister's Housing Allowance. Thanks to Peter Guthrie who monitors our investments.

Rockwood Stone Trustees Financial Report for 2021

Submitted by Peter Guthrie, Treasurer

Assets December 31, 2020

Canoe Financial Shares	<u>\$149,010.66</u>	
Total		\$149,010.66

2021 Income

Canoe Financial Income Distribution	\$10,761.94	
Canoe Financial Fees Rebate	\$1,058.42	
Change in Market Value Canoe Financial	<u>\$32,918.77</u>	
Total Income	\$44,739.13	\$44,739.13

2021 Expenses

Housing allowance to <u>General</u> Fund	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	
Total Expense	\$4,000.00	-\$4,000.00

Income less expenses	<u>\$40,739.13</u>	
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Assets December 31, 2021 **\$189,749.79**

As per generally accepted accounting principals, Canoe Financial Investments are valued at the lower of cost or market value _____

Worship and Faith Formation

Submitted by Barb Eley, Rockwood Chair and Liz Guthrie, Stone Chair

Members: Stone – Heather De Jonge, Randy Dewey, Liz Guthrie, Lisa Leffler, Brian Mack, Barb Parker
Rockwood – Barb Eley, Bev Johnson, Carol Smelsky, Brent Stiles **Minister** – Heather Leffler

Our committee was formerly named Worship and Christian Education Committee. After reviewing the Terms of Reference for this committee, a decision was made to rename it “Worship and Faith Formation”.

Combined Worship and Faith Formation meetings were held via Zoom on January 21, April 22 and September 24 of 2021.

Thank you to:

The members of Worship and Faith Formation who led worship on January 3 and November 7 for the Remembrance Day service.

Lisa Leffler who led worship services on January 17, May 30, June 27, July 4 and 11, August 29 and September 5 as well as two Lenten Studies. She also shares beautiful pictures that compliment our worship services.

The Affirming Discernment Circle who led worship on January 10. Thanks to Marion Bascom and Brent Stiles for sharing personal stories with such honesty and grace.

Barb and Tom Parker who provided a Christmas tree and Nativity scene outside of Stone Church.

To the Anthonys, Lefflers, Sherol Steinburg, Cees Braamse and Adrian Adler who erected the Place of Joy outside Rockwood Church.

To Jack and Edie Ward, Marg and Carl Baker and Liz Guthrie who decorated Stone sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season.

To Phyllis Puchyr, Amanda Anthony and Michelle McDaid who decorated Rockwood sanctuary, under the direction of Colleen Baeumler, for the Advent/Christmas season and Roy Steinberg and Kevin Anthony who helped get out boxes and put up the tree.

To everyone who prepared their own communion elements at home for Zoom services on February 21, March 28, May 23, October 3 and December 24 of 2021

Heather Blair and Liz Guthrie for pre-recording music for our Church services.

The Reopening Commission who spent many hours discerning how to safely have outdoor services and in-person church again.

Sherol Steinberg and Jack and Edie Ward who conducted Covid screening and directed us to distanced seating for in-person church.

All those who recorded and shared special music for our worship services.

Outdoor Services

Outdoor services were held in Stone Church cemetery on August 8 and September 14.

Ray and Ellen Thomson hosted Rockwood’s outdoor services on August 22 and September 19.

In-person Worship

Heather continued to lead Zoom services from 10 to 11:00 am each Sunday, then led in-person services at Rockwood on October 24, November 14, 28, December 12 and at Stone on October 31, November 21, and December 5. There was no in-person worship on Dec. 19 due to rising Omicron numbers. Worship for Christmas Eve and December 26 were already planned to be on Zoom.

Highlights

January 3: Richard Bott's Video message entitled, "Honey from the Rock".

March 14: Pie (Public, Intentional, Explicit) Day Video with a message from our LGBTQ2S+ siblings.

March 28: The booklet entitled, "Walking with Jesus through Holy Week" included a daily meditation and picture to colour. Each small bag contained symbols of a nail, corn, a coin, towelling, cedar, rock and a perfume shaped cut-out.

April 2: Our Good Friday Zoom service involved many people from Barrie Hill/Speedside and Rockwood/Stone.

April 4: Our youth presented a Reader's Theatre version of the Easter story.

April 18: Celebration of John Arbuckle's 100th birthday on Zoom after worship.

May 2: Mental Health Sunday is now being recognized by the United Church. A Linnea Good and a M+S video were shared.

May 9: Rural Life Sunday was celebrated with a Blessing of the Seeds.

May 23: Pentecost, communion and our annual church picnic were all celebrated via our regular Zoom service.

Brent Stiles talked about the different colours of the rainbow. How would it feel if we had no colour in the world? We are all different, just like the colours of the rainbow. A video reminded us how to remember the order of the rainbow colours. Everyone enjoyed the video of "Old Turtle and the Broken Truth" by Douglas Wood (YouTube). A scavenger hunt had us looking for items in rainbow colours around our homes. We closed with "Name that Tune" and sharing of picnic memories.

June 6: A Covenanting service between Western Ontario Waterways and the Rockwood/Stone congregations was held via Zoom. Arthur Hill, representing WOW, brought the symbols of a chain, a walking stick and the flame of a candle. Randy Dewey represented our congregations.

Rockwood/Stone symbols were the **roots of a tree** rooted in the rocks just as our faith is grounded in God, our Rock and Redeemer, a **lamb** showing how we continue to grow in the love of Jesus guided by the Spirit, and **hands reaching out** under a circle representing the world showing how we reach out in love to our communities and the world.

June 13: 154th Rockwood Anniversary. Our guest speaker was Rev. Tim Raeburn from Sauble/Hepworth.

Tim said, "There is no normal, only normative. Live the talk in order to reconnect with all generations. Hear their perspectives – LISTEN – It is a theological shift. To live in discomfort/difference, the truer we are." There are stumbling blocks. If one group is empowered, then other groups feel unwelcome. Affirming churches need public spaces to continue their work.

August 8: We welcomed Nancy Fountain to our Stone congregation by transfer of membership.

September 12: The Creation Time booklet of reflections and activities also included small packages of sunflower seeds, basil, mint leaves and apple cider seasoning.

September 26: We celebrated Orange Shirt Day.

October 10: Thanksgiving decorations outside of Stone Church included the big pumpkin, the tallest sunflower, pumpkins, flowers and squash.

October 17: Vicki Olatundun from Chalmers Community Services, Guelph, was the guest speaker for Stone's 159th anniversary. She invited us to imagine "What is the colour of hunger?"

November 21: Glenna Fryer was welcomed back as a member of Stone.

November 28: Paintings, photos and scrapbook designs submitted by church members were made into beautiful Christmas cards. Each church family received a package containing a variety of cards plus the Advent Reflections booklet.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service included a pre-recorded story of Jesus' birth by the Bible Study group. We enjoyed special music by the Eramosa Ensemble and "Silent Night" by the Stone Quartet. Readings and Reflections was made available online.

Ongoing

Spiritual Saturday: Participants meet the last Saturday of each month from 1 to 3:30 pm to pray the scriptures.

Bible Study: Participants meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm via Zoom.

Choirs: The choirs continue to wait for the time when we can sing together once again. We are grateful to Heather Blair and Liz Guthrie for their leadership in recorded music at each service. The prelude and postlude are always lovely and having them sing the hymns as well as play them is much appreciated. We also give thanks to God for all those who provide recorded special music each week. We will dearly miss Lou Darcie's wonderful voice and spirit.

Eramosa Ensemble: Barbara Eley–flute, Liz Guthrie–clarinet, Chris Barlow–violin, Chris Arbuckle–viola.

The ensemble is meeting once a week at Stone (with masks, distancing and open windows) to rehearse and record. Thanks to Chris Barlow for his recording expertise, and for arranging instrumental versions of "O Sacred Head Sore Wounded" and "Seek Ye First" in honour of Lou Darcie. We had hoped he would be able to hear the recordings, but they were used at his celebration of life instead.

The Eramosa Ensemble led the annual Carol Sing via Zoom on November 28, 2021. A new venture was the voice and instrument anthem, "Child in a Manger".

Faith Formation: Rev. Leffler has been meeting and working with the young people on Zoom, using materials from Seasons of the Spirit. Confirmation classes started this fall.


Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge Financial Reports

Annual Report for Year Ended December 31, 2021


Submitted by Roy Steinberg, Treasurer

2021 Receipts and Expenses compared to Budget				2022 Approved Budget		
	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Variance Favourable (Unfavourable)	2022 Budget	Notes	% change from 2021 Actual
Cash Receipts						
Transfers Rockwood	\$ 51,400.20	\$ 51,400.20	\$ -	\$ 41,093.04	1	-20.05%
Transfers Stone	\$ 51,400.20	\$ 51,400.20	-	\$ 41,093.04	1	-20.05%
Rockwood UCC Assessment	\$ 4,172.12	\$ 4,172.12	-	\$ 3,654.00	2	-12.42%
Stone UCC Assessment	\$ 3,764.88	\$ 3,764.88	-	\$ 3,573.00	2	-5.10%
Transfer from Manse Fund	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	-	\$ 25,140.00	3	
Receipts Other	\$ 221.00	\$ -	221.00	\$ -	4	
Total Receipts	\$ 114,958.40	\$ 114,737.40	\$ 221.00	\$ 114,553.08		-0.35%
Expenses						
Salary, Minister	\$ 73,987.92	\$ 73,988.00	\$ 0.08	\$ 74,950.00	6	1.30%
Housing Allowance	\$ -	\$ -		Included	7	
Minister Automobile Mileage	\$ 583.43	\$ 2,255.00	1,671.57	\$ 1,845.00	8	216.23%
Minister Telephone Allowance	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	-	\$ 420.00	9	0.00%
Office Phone and Internet	\$ 958.80	\$ 996.12	37.32	\$ 996.12	10	3.89%
Worship-Pulpit Supply	\$ 1,547.00	\$ 1,834.00	287.00	\$ 1,855.00	11	
Church Secretary	\$ 4,967.31	\$ 4,951.96	(15.35)	\$ 4,951.44	12	-0.32%
Employee Benefits (CPP, EI)	\$ 4,080.85	\$ 4,688.11	607.26	\$ 5,116.52	13	25.38%
Church Pension & Benefits	\$ 13,034.39	\$ 13,034.53	0.14	\$ 14,220.60	14	9.10%
Continuing Education	\$ 1,474.00	\$ 1,474.00	-	\$ 1,493.00	15	1.29%
Minister - Minor expenses	\$ -	\$ 200.00	200.00	\$ 200.00	16	
Office Supplies	\$ 173.09	\$ 100.00	(73.09)	\$ 200.00	17	
Copier	\$ 220.04	\$ 400.00	179.96	\$ 250.00	18	13.62%
Bulletins	\$ -	\$ 200.00	200.00	\$ -	19	
Bank Charges	\$ 601.03	\$ 642.00	40.97	\$ 665.39	20	10.71%
Joint Pastoral Charge Projects	\$ 164.32	\$ 1,500.00	1,335.68	\$ 2,000.00	21	1117.14%
Marketing Costs	\$ 1,021.14	\$ 800.00	(221.14)	\$ 800.00	22	-21.66%
Miscellaneous	\$ 71.43	\$ 200.00	128.57	\$ 200.00	23	179.99%
Audio and Copyright Fee	\$ 537.00	\$ 537.00	-	\$ 763.00	24	42.09%
Annual Report	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	25	
United Church Assessment	\$ 7,937.00	\$ 7,937.00	-	\$ 7,227.00	26	-8.95%
PST & GST & HST PAID	\$ 284.25	\$ -	(284.25)	\$ -	27	
Total Expenses	\$ 112,063.00	\$ 116,157.72	\$ 4,094.72	\$ 118,153.07		5.43%
Receipts Less Expenses	\$ 2,895.40	\$ (1,420.32)	\$ 4,315.72	\$ (3,599.99)	28	
Balance Start of Period (Excluding Sabbatical fund)	\$ 7,357.37	\$ 7,357.37	-	10,252.77		
Balance, end of the period	\$ 10,252.77	\$ 5,937.05	\$ 4,315.72	\$ 6,652.78		-35.11%

The original books of record were reviewed by Jack Ward representative from Stone Church and David Smelsky representative from Rockwood Church



 Jack Ward



 David Smelsky

Notes for 2022 Budget

1	Church transfers proposed to reduce ~20% due to increased transfers from Manse fund (see note 3) and targeting a more aggressive deficit for 2022 to bring in line with \$5k year end balance target.
2	2022 Assessment updated; split per 2020 financial statistics
3	Finance and Stewardship recommended using the minister's housing as basis for 2022 transfers as investments have continued to grow with Canoe. Housing cost here is based on Clergy Residence Deduction with CRA (\$25,140) as the housing component is no longer paid separately. Approved at November board meeting.
4	Nothing planned. 2021 amount is a contribution for affirming discernment circle costs from a guest speaker.
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6	Minister salary assumed increased 1.3% as per UCC and M&P recommendation.
7	Housing allowance under 2017 compensation model is included in salary line - it is still separated for payroll for CPP purposes if filed based on CRA Clergy Residence Deduction (CRD). This CRD amount is used above for manse fund transfers proposed for 2022
8	UCC Recommended mileage rate \$0.41 per km for 2022 same as 2021. 2022 budget based on forecast 4500 km mileage. Mileage is expected to increase in 2022 but not to pre-pandemic levels (pre-pandemic level was 6000 km annually).
9	Minister's Telephone allowance same as 2020. Note we currently benefit from Rev. Leffler's family discount on home services.
10	2020 rates carried through 2022 - Note 3 year term is up in June 2022 - in 2019 it went up \$10 / month with new term commitment
11	Note no mileage costs in 2021 Pulpit Supply expenses. For 2022 confirm 7 weeks again. Budget based on UCC minimum rate is \$224 per week plus 100 km round trip mileage charge at \$0.41/km.
12	With Sharyn's resignation, Lisa will assume secretary duties at the 2021 hourly rate through 2022
13	CPP and EI rates updated per Government of Canada
14	Per UCC Pension and Benefits calculator - 9% increase
15	Minister Continuing Education: Per UCC guidelines
16	Minister's minor expenses - no change
17	Office supplies popped up approaching \$200 in 2021 - envelopes plus other expenses - budget proposed \$200
18	Copier costs low in 2021 - tied to no use of Bulletins with Zoom and initial in person services. Assumption is that we will only return to limited bulletin usage with time to reduce paper waste and environmental impact - for example limited to vision impaired or choir use. Therefore reduced costs are expected to continue.
19	We have sufficient inventory for limited bulletin use - no purchases required for 2022
20	Includes ADP payroll charges - 2% mid year 2022 increase assumed.
21	Affirming Discernment Circle expenses deferred again into 2022; COVID cleaning supplies; picnic plus \$500 for packages / mailers to members through the year.
22	2020 Christmas mailer cost came in below \$700 - 2022 increased to \$800 on expected additional growth in Rockwood. 2021 Christmas mailer costs exceeded \$1000 resulting in the unfavourable variance
23	Miscellaneous in 2021 includes Year book set and wreath gift for Sharyn
24	Audio assumed same as 2021; Zoom license included; Video license estimated \$200 which may or may not be used in 2022 - will assess Video when it arises.
25	Annual Report - no costs expected - place holder for possible future needs
26	2022 Assessment updated
27	Unbudgeted HST on various items - not recoverable by Charge as the Charge is a not-for-profit entity and not a charity.
28	Projecting a planned deficit around \$3600. General target is a year end balance of \$4500 - \$5000 (one payroll cycle +); projected 2022 year end balance is higher due to more favourable position at 2021 Year End

Stone Annual Meeting Minutes – February 7, 2021, on Zoom

96th Annual Meeting for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

Submitted by Tammy Smits

Present: Bill Allen, Carl Baker, Marg Baker, Gwen Brander, Cate Dewey, Randy Dewey, Liz Guthrie, Peter Guthrie, Patty Lancaster, Heather Leffler, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Brian Mack, Paul May, Diane May, Sherry May, Ed Nagel, Eva Oliver, Murray Oliver, Barb Parker, Tom Parker, Karen Richardson, Tammy Smits (Recording Secretary), Steven Thomson (Chair), Edie Ward, Jack Ward

Opening:

Chair Steve Thomson asked Heather to open the meeting with a prayer.

1. Voting Procedures

Moved by Edie Ward that voting be made by a show of hands, as voting by ballot is not an option this year. Seconded by Ed Nagel. Carried.

Moved by Barb Parker that adherents be eligible to vote at this meeting. Seconded by Liz Guthrie. Carried.

2. Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting

Moved by Carl Baker to accept the Annual Meeting minutes for the year ended December 31, 2019. Seconded by Eva Oliver. Carried.

3. Business from the Minutes

Heather noted that although she had the congregation complete a living faith survey, she has not made progress due to everything that occurred in 2020. She will continue to work on it this year.

4. Correspondence

The Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council is offering new grants twice per year – \$5000 Capital grants and \$10,000 Ministry UP Fund grants. A limited number of churches are eligible to apply, so Heather encouraged anyone who has a project in mind but needs funds to apply through Stone Council. Heather has a PowerPoint available if anyone wants more information.

5. Review of Annual Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

- a) Pastoral Charge Reports pp 3-14 (Ministers Letter; Pastoral Charge Board; Affirming Discernment Circle; Eramosa Ensemble; Faith, Food Friendship and Fun; Finance and Stewardship; Ministry and Personnel; Minister's Report to Ministry and Personnel for 2020; Trustees; Rockwood Stone Trustees Financial Report for 2020; Worship)

- i) Governance Discernment Circle

This group was tasked with examining the policies and Board structures of the church and aligning them with the United Church Manual, as no changes had been officially documented since 1989. All recommendations have been passed at the Pastoral Charge level; some have passed at the Stone Council level with more upcoming. When all policies are in place and have been passed at the Pastoral Charge level and Rockwood/Stone Council levels, they will be sent to WOW (Western Ontario Waterways). At WOW, the Covenant Commission will review them to make sure they align within the United Church Manual. Once approved, they will be official,

and there will be a clear definition of responsibilities and reporting structure throughout the church.

Brian Mack thanked the congregation for their patience and those in the Circle for their hard work, saying the whole charge is indebted to the Discernment Circle for their efforts.

Patty Lancaster added that she was on the original committee that created the current board and council structure. She commended everyone and thanked them for revisiting this and updating as needed.

Moved by Patty Lancaster to accept the Pastoral Charge reports as printed. Seconded by Liz Guthrie. Carried.

b) Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2021 Budget pp 15-16

Bill Allen noted that because Pastoral Charge expenses were slightly lower this year, the December transfers from both churches were reduced.

Moved by Brian Mack to accept the Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2021 Budget as printed. Seconded by Bill Allen. Carried.

c) Stone Reports pp 21-34 (Membership; Statistics 2020; Stone United Church Roll; Canadian Foodgrains Bank; Children of Bukati Financial Report 2020; Choir Financial Report; Genesis Book Club; Pastoral Care and Fellowship; Property and Finance; United Church Women; UCW Financial Report; Worship and Christian Education; Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council)

i) Membership

Heather thanked Karen Richardson for doing an excellent job of keeping up the records. Some valued church members were lost in 2020, and celebrations of life could not be held at the church due to Covid restrictions. Heather hopes to have a time to formally remember these people when the church opens again, with photos and stories provided from their families. A moment of silence was held to remember those lost.

ii) Statistics 2020

The United Church asks for a count of anyone who takes part in any activity (a person is only counted once, whether they attend an activity once or multiple times). Heather included the UCW this year as their newsletter was a wonderful way of connecting virtually.

iii) Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Bill spoke to the challenges of this year. He was amazed at how much money the church raised both for Lebanon relief fund as well as general Foodgrains fund. Bill bet Heather Leffler that \$2,000 would be raised, and actual amount were \$7,500; he now owes Heather a dinner.

Moved by Marg Baker to accept the Stone Reports as printed. Seconded by Liz Guthrie. Carried.

d) Stone Financial Reports (Cemetery Fund; Reviewers; Operating Statement; Church Funds 2020; Balance Sheet)

Bill was very pleased and thanked everyone for the support provided this year. PAR and weekly giving totals this year were \$61,500 – above the \$58,000 given last year. Donations went up this year, particularly from weekly givings via e-transfers, the Canada Helps website and many cheques in the mail.

The church had to pivot from the annual Beef Dinner, and kudos were given to the Bakers, Wards, Parkers, and Liz Guthrie who organized the takeout dinners that raised \$4,200, and the drivers who delivered meals.

Overall revenue was down from last year, but because the church was closed expenses were about \$3,000 less, which ended in an \$8,000 surplus, up from \$7,500 from last year.

The Jeanne Jackson Reading Room has been transformed at a cost of approximately \$1,000.

The Memorial Fund grew this year due to donations related to the loss of some members.

There is \$50,000 in the current account split over various funds. There are 2 – \$20,000 GIC's due in April/September 2021 and one \$25,000 due in the Oakes fund.

Overall, Bill stated that the church is in extremely good shape and is certainly blessed.

Moved by Randy Dewey to accept the Stone Financial Reports as printed. Seconded by Ed Nagel. Carried.

e) Stone Nomination Reports

Steve Thomson announced that he will be stepping down as Chair. He thanked Brian who will be taking over, and Bill for all his hard work as Treasurer. He appreciated everyone's help along the way and wishes the new council all the best.

Moved by Bill Allen to accept the Stone Nominations Report as printed. Seconded by Liz Guthrie. Carried.

6. New Business

Edie Ward confirmed that the maple syrup fundraiser will run again for 2021.

Heather Leffler talked about the Re-opening Commission meeting held this week. She feels that it has been a gift throughout Covid that our church has always looked at moving ahead instead of focusing on getting back into the building. It has been decided that meetings will continue virtually, until it is deemed safe to return to in-person activities.

Steve thanked everyone who submitted reports and supported the congregations and pastoral charge.

Heather thanked Carl and Marg Baker for their deliveries each week, and Carl for his immense efforts on the photo directory.

Heather presented a slideshow with highlights of the year.

Moved by Lisa Leffler to adjourn. Seconded by Jack Ward. Carried.

Heather closed the meeting with a prayer.

Tammy Smits, Recording Secretary

Chairperson

Stone United Church Committee Reports

Membership

submitted by Karen Richardson

Number of Resident Members – January 1, 2021	82	
Received by Transfer		
Nancy Fountain	1	
Received by Council		
Glenna Fryer	1	
Removed to Non-Resident Member	<u>-4</u>	
Linda Brown		
Krista Hay		
Jaclyn Hay		
Aaron Rietkerk		
Total Number of Resident Members – December 31, 2021		80
Number of Non-Resident Members – January 1, 2021	65	
Added to Non-Resident Member		
Linda Brown	<u>4</u>	
Krista Hay		
Jaclyn Hay		
Aaron Rietkerk		
Total Number of Non-Resident Members – December 31, 2021		<u>69</u>
Total Number on Church Roll – December 31, 2021		149
	Baptisms: 0	
	Weddings: 0	
	Funerals: 0	
	Burials: 0	

Statistics 2021

Submitted by Heather Leffler, Minister

Number of Households	111	Other Group Memberships	
Number of Financially Supporting Households	40	(includes anyone who has attended	
Number of Givers to Local Expenses	40	at least once in-person or online)	
Number of Givers to Missions and Service	23	Choir	9
Average Weekly Attendance for combined worship	32	*Bible Study	12
on Zoom in October/November		Confirmation	4
Average Attendance for in-person worship	21	*Genesis Book Club	15
Adherents (<i>includes children, youth and adults who</i>	32	*Lenten Study	16
<i>participate in the life and work of our church</i>		UCW	10
<i>monthly</i>)		Youth Conversation	9
Children and Young People	Total		
12-18 years of age	12		

*Includes participants from both congregations.

Stone United Church Roll
Submitted by Karen Richardson

Bill Allen	Bill Hartung	Steve Nyman
Carl & Marg Baker	Marlene Hawkins	Ken Oakes
Joel Bandy	Ron & Donna Hawkins	Kerri O'Kane
Loren Bandy	Bradley Hawkins	Murray & Eva Oliver
Janet Bird	Michelle Hawkins	Marion Neilson Osborne
Don & Gwen Brander	Gord & Jean Haws	Stan & Helen O'Shea
Josh Brander	Krista Hay	Mabel Parker
Mary Brander	Andrew & Nadine Jackson	Tom & Barb Parker
Tyler & Debbie Brander	Earl Jackson	James Patterson
Linda Brown	Jean Jackson	John Patterson
Gord & Susan Carothers	Sheila Jackson-Elder	Randy & Rhonda Peart
Arthur Churchyard & Matt Setzkorn	Heather Kidston	Christian & Trudi Poschung
Mary Churchyard	Leila Kingston	Marianne Poschung
Norman (Jr.) Craigie	Joanne Lacroix	Pierre Poschung
Ollie Darcie	Ben Lancaster	Marion Prentice
Abby De Jonge	Larry & Patty Lancaster	Karen Richardson
Rick & Heather De Jonge	Matthew Lancaster	Aaron Rietkerk & Jaclyn Hay
Chris Dewey	John Leffler	Jordan & Amanda Rietkerk
John Dewey	Lisa Leffler	George & Leita Root
Randy & Cate Dewey	George Leslie	Melanie Running
Peter Dewey	Gerald Leslie	Reuben & Joanne Salmon
John Duffield	Graham Leslie	Rachael Siderius
Michael Duffield	Sharon Leslie	Stan & Anna Siderius
Murray & Marg Duffield	Brian Mack	Amanda Smits
Steven Duffield	Barb Marshall	Mike & Tammy Smits
Joyce Duffield	Debbie Marshall	Shelly Steele
Claudia Etches	Don Martin	Frank & Janice Stokman
Evelyn Farr	Greg Martin	Glenn & Heather Storey
Herbert Farr	Ryan Martin	Ron & Betty Storey
Tom Farr	Abby May	Tiffany Sutherland
Carolyn Farrell	Andy May	Rob & Melissa Swackhammer
Shirley Fiebiger	Paul & Diane May	Marlynn Swanston
Nancy Fountain	Sherry May	Jill & Scott Sylvester
Myra Freeman	Tim May & Kirsten Graham-May	Janine Taylor
Glenna Fryer	Darrell McDougall	Abby Thomson
Wilma Fuller	Eileen McDougall	Brittany Thomson
Jack Gallin	Cheryl McQueen	Grace Thomson
Jennifer Gerber	Allan Millson	Margaret Thomson
Robin Grace	Ed Millson	Megan Thomson
Marie Graham	Gordon A. Millson	Steven & Sandra Thomson
Peter & Elizabeth Guthrie	Lloyd Millson	Lucille Turner
Nancy Halliburton	Murray Millson	Gary Walton
Laverne Hartung	John Murison	Jack & Edie Ward
Philip Hartung	Shirley Murphy	Lisa Ward
Bill Hartung	Ed & Heather Nagel	Christian & Cathy Wassermann
Tammy Hawes Cameron	Grace Nellis	Elaine Williamson

Stone Council

Submitted by Brian Mack, Chair

Under the terms of our new governance structure, the Council met two times during 2021. At these meetings, it is the practice of Council to receive informational reports from our committees: Property and Finance, Pastoral Care and Fellowship, and Worship and Faith Formation. Council also receives reports from a representative of UCW, Western Ontario Waterways, and Ministry and Personnel. As needed, reports are provided by representatives involved with outreach initiatives and discernment circles concerning governance and becoming an affirming congregation. Due to the Covid-19 situation, the Reopening Commission also provided updates in 2021. Rev. Leffler routinely offers a detailed report outlining her work and the work of the congregation in fulfilling goals related to all aspects of ministry.

As Council receives reports, an opportunity is provided to ask questions and to consider proposals. Highlights of proposals considered in 2021 included the approval of the following:

- the reinstatement of Glenna Fryer as a member of Stone
- Nancy Fountain's transfer of membership from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
- that \$6,995.40 be allocated from the Oakes Fund for part of the costs of insulating the back part of the church
- that the costs associated with a new range for the kitchen be allocated from the Memorial Fund
- that \$20,000 in GIC funds, coming due in September of 2021, be held in the General Fund until the end of the year pending the exploration of investment options with input from the Trustees

Council supported initiatives undertaken by our Foodgrains Committee including the October 17th celebration event at Paul and Diane May's farm. As well, Council encouraged a donation initiative in support of Anishnabeg Outreach during Advent.

As we look forward to 2022, the Governance Discernment Circle will check with each congregational committee to make sure they are satisfied with their committees' terms of reference, in the hopes that these terms of reference may be accepted by Council at their January meeting, endorsed by the congregation at our February Annual meeting, and subsequently sent to the Covenant Commission of Western Ontario Waterways region for their review. We also look forward to the development of a Cemetery Governance policy which is consistent with provincial legislation.

In all healthy organizations, change in leadership occurs on a routine basis. Sincere thanks is extended to Paul May for his many years of being our resident "inclement weather watcher." Don Martin has been a stalwart member of Property and Finance and we thank him for his many contributions. Randy Dewey has served faithfully on both Ministry and Personnel as well as Worship and Faith Formation and his counsel will be missed as he concentrates on his duties as Pastoral Charge Chair. Steven Thomson left the position of Council Chair in 2021 and we are so grateful for the many ways in which he has served.

Thank you to the faithful congregants of Stone for your support of Council decisions and initiatives. Special thanks to Rev. Heather Leffler for her leadership and wise counsel through a year of constant change associated with Covid-19. Thanks be to God.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Growing Project

Submitted by Bill Allen

In 2021, the third year of the Foodgrains Growing Project featured both pumpkin and sunflower friendly growing competitions. This year, we were pleased that six area United Churches joined Stone to raise money for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The churches included Arkell, Barrie Hill, Speedside, Erin/Ballinafad, Ebenezer, and Rockwood. In spite of the inclement weather on Sunday, October 17, an enthusiastic crowd from participating churches joined the Stone United Church congregation to wrap-up our 2021 Foodgrains Growing Project. There were many entries of both pumpkins and sunflower plants for various competitions. Liam Anthony had the heaviest pumpkin at 275 lb. Second were Laurel and Alec Parker with a 117 lb pumpkin. Laurel and Alec also grew the tallest sunflower, topping out at 14 ft. Second was Andy May at 12.3 ft.

Last year, in the face of the pandemic, \$49 million was raised by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank through donations, contributions from partner organizations and the Canadian government. These funds helped feed almost one million people suffering from hunger and malnutrition in 33 countries. This was the Canadian Foodgrains Bank's best year ever.

Donations to our project this year totaled \$9,310, surpassing the funds raised last year by more than \$1,500. When matched by the Canadian government, this will translate to more than \$37,000 in support for combating global hunger. A huge thank you to participating churches and their members for supporting our growing project this year.

Children of Bukati Financial Report 2021

Submitted by Peter Guthrie, COB Treasurer

Income

No income received in 2021	\$0.00	
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Total Income		\$0.00
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Expenditures

Bank Charges	\$14.85	
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Total Expenditures		<u>\$14.85</u>
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Excess for the year (Income minus Expenditures)		-\$14.85
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Opening Bank Balance	\$6,157.50	
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Closing Fund Balance (General Fund)	<u>\$6,142.65</u>	
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Change in Bank Balance	\$ -14.85	
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Choir Financial Report

Submitted by Edie Ward

Income

Balance forward December 31, 2020 \$1,200.37

Expenses

Memorial Gift \$ 50.00

Bank Balance December 31, 2021 \$1,150.37

Genesis Book Club

Submitted by Brian Mack

Members: Bill Allen, Marion Bascom, Rosslyn Bentley, Susan Carothers, Lou Darcie, Heather De Jonge, Heather Leffler, John Leffler, Lisa Leffler, Liz Guthrie, Peter Guthrie, Patty Lancaster, Brian Mack, Barb Parker, Emma Smits

We zoom gathered for 2021. Thanks to Heather Leffler for acting as host, Peter Guthrie for gently guiding our discussions, and Susan Carothers for posting meeting dates and titles.

We are grateful to our members for their book club selections as follows:

January – **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles (Patty Lancaster)

February – **A Dublin Student Doctor** by Patrick Taylor (Brian Mack)

March – **My Dark Vanessa**, by Kate Elizabeth Russell (Heather DeJonge)

April – **The Count of Monte Cristo**, by Alexander Dumas (Lou Darcie)

May – **I am Still Here: Black Dignity in a World made for Whiteness** by Austin Channing Brown (Heather Leffler)

June – **Akin** by Emma Donoghue (Barb Parker)

July – **The Book of Longings** by Sue Monk Kidd (Barb Parker)

August/September – **Exodus** by Leon Uris (Peter Guthrie)

October – **Guardian of the Balance** by Irene Radford (Lisa Leffler)

November – **Where the Crawdads Sing** by Delia Roberts (Marion Bascom)

December – **Ice Walker: A Polar Bear's Journey through the Fragile Arctic** by James Raffan (Brian Mack)

During a year when we have been unable to gather in person, we are thankful for the opportunity to use technology to keep us connected. Coming together monthly has kept us intellectually engaged and taken our minds off the ever-present complications associated with living in a Covid-19 world. By reading a wide variety of literature, we have been given a chance to learn about different times, different cultures, and different societies. Our confidence in our ability to say, "I like... or I don't like..." has been bolstered. We have been given a forum in which to be silly or serious without judgement. We have been fortunate to welcome a new member and to further deepen bonds of friendship. We have also been strengthened by the support of one another in the loss of our friend Lou Darcie. Thanks be to God.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship

Submitted by John Leffler

The members of the committee along with other Church members helped deliver Holy Week packages in the spring, Creation packages in September and Advent packages to each Church family. Many thanks were received for the drawings, activities, cookies, the amazing Christmas cards, and the reflections.

In the fall of 2021, we phoned and emailed our Stone Church family to get some feedback on reopening the Church and passed this information onto the Reopening Commission. At the November Board Meeting, we did the opening message and prayer, based on some of the conversations the Pastoral Care Committee had with Stone congregation members.

Thank you to the Stone Pastoral Care members for sending cards, keeping the phone and membership list up to date and keeping in touch with our Minister to keep her informed of life events within our congregation.

Property and Finance

Submitted by Jack Ward, Chair and Caretaker and Bill Allen, Treasurer

Members: Bill Allen (Treasurer), Don Martin, Ed Nagel, Tom Parker, Edie Ward (Secretary), Jack Ward
Stone United Church Property and Finance Committee has had another busy year even during Covid-19. Thanks to all who helped with snow removal and special thanks to Andy May for clearing the parking areas.

Property

The annual Maple Syrup Fund raiser was very successful; 280 gallons of syrup were purchased. Thanks to everyone involved in organizing, taking orders, picking up and making deliveries. A total of \$3,586 was raised and will offset the cost of fuel for the year.

Instead of our Annual Beef Dinner in October Marg Baker, Liz Guthrie, Edie Ward and Barb Parker planned a series of take-out dinners. In 2021 dinners were as follows: June 2 – Roasted Smoked Ham, July 9 – Pulled Pork, September 29 – Turkey, and October 27 – Roast Beef. Thanks to all who supported our dinners and to the drivers who made the deliveries. Great response from everyone.

The insulation project on the church addition was completed by HFH of Elora in March 2021 and we subsequently received a grant of \$4,000 from the United Possibilities Fund of the United Church. Due to Covid and not using the church, comparative figures on heating costs are not available.

In April, one of our stoves stopped working and it was not economical to repair. We purchased a new stove from Shuh Appliances, which was well used during the take-out dinners.

Volunteers helped with the yard cleanup on August 4. Outdoor services at Stone were held August 8 and September 12.

Our kitchen was inspected by Public Health on December 11, 2020 and passed. We were advised no water samples need to be done until take-out dinners resume. Water samples were done March 24 and September 28 and passed. One more test is scheduled for the end of December.

Finance

Once again, the pandemic required the Stone United Church to be closed most of the year to Sunday physical gatherings resulting in an impact on weekly givings. This impact, coupled with the loss of two long-time donors, meant an \$8,200 reduction in donations from previous years. Operating expenses were lower as a result of the church closure. However, a significant increase in our property insurance resulted in an operating deficit of \$5,456.18. That said, the Church is in a strong financial position with \$85,000 in the Oakes and Reserve Funds. We were grateful for the strong support from families enrolled on PAR, and those who contributed through cheque mailings, e-transfers and CanadaHelps donations. Church members recognized the impact the pandemic was having on the less fortunate in society with record donations to the Church Outreach Initiatives. Mission and Services givings this year set a record with donations topping \$13,000. With six other churches joining our Foodgrains Growing Project this year, we raised a record \$9,300 to combat global hunger. In addition, \$1,050 was donated to the Anishnabeg Outreach and \$350 to the EWCS foodbank. A special thank you to the volunteers who prepared and distributed the take-out dinners in lieu of our Annual Beef Dinner, raising \$4,450.

All Property and Finance Committee members are thanked for their help and input throughout the year, as well as members of the congregation who are always willing to lend a helping hand.

United Church Women (UCW)

Marg Baker, President

Submitted by Edie Ward, Secretary

Due to Covid-19 no meetings were held in 2021.

Flowers were sent to Gwen and Don Brander and Patty and Larry Lancaster for their 50th Wedding Anniversaries and to Marion Osborne on her 90th Birthday.

As friends of Ollie Darcie, we served sweets at the Celebration of Life for Lou Darcie on September 28, 2021.

See the UCW Financial Report for income and donations made over the year. We were able to contribute to the Nutrition for Learning Programs at Rockwood Centennial, Eramosa and Ecole Harris Mill Public Schools, Mission and Service, East Wellington Community Services, Canadian Food Grains, Anishnabeg Outreach and General Fund at Stone Church.

Looking forward to being able to meet again in person sometime in 2022.

UCW Financial Report 2021

Submitted by Edie Ward, Treasurer

Income

Collections	\$	565.00	
Caterings	\$	<u>300.00</u>	
Total Income			\$ 865.00
Chequing account as of January 1, 2020			<u>\$ 1,082.30</u>
Total			<u>\$ 1,947.30</u>

Expenses

Miscellaneous Flowers and Gift	\$	110.95	
Mission and Service Allocation	\$	400.00	
East Wellington Community Services	\$	200.00	
Stone Church General Funds	\$	200.00	
Stone United Church – Canadian Food Grains	\$	250.00	
Stone United Church – Anishnabeg	\$	200.00	
Eramosa Public School Nutrition program	\$	50.00	
Rockwood Centennial Public School Nutrition program	\$	50.00	
Ecole Harris Mill Public School Breakfast Club	\$	50.00	
UCW WOW assessment for 2021	\$	42.00	
Gift	\$	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Expenses			\$ 1,652.95
Chequing Account as of December 31, 2021			<u>\$ 294.35</u>
Total			<u>\$ 1,947.30</u>

Western Ontario Waterways

Submitted by Liz Guthrie

May 13-15/21 The Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council Meeting was conducted via Zoom. The theme was: “Being Kicked out of the Boat” especially during these Covid times.

May 28/21 WOW offers workshops. One of particular interest was with the Honourable Murray Sinclair, a former member of the Senate and Chairman of the Indian Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He was very knowledgeable about the history of our indigenous peoples. There is still much work to be done.

June 6/21 An Affirming service with Horseshoe Falls, Antler River Watershed and Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils was held via Zoom. Affirming certificates were presented to the chair of each of the regional councils.

November 1/21 Thérèse Samuel and Joyce Johnson hosted “Together in Song.” It was a time of remembering the children of residential schools through song.

November 12-13/21 The regional fall meeting was held via Zoom from Melville United Church, Fergus. Chair, Mark Laird chose “Resurrection not Resuscitation” as his theme.

Wonderful videos were shown to lead us through In Memoriums, remembering disbanded churches, honoring retirees and LLWL (licensed lay worship leaders).

Dave Jagger gave an update on stewardship programs.

Presently, sabbaticals are used to update professional and vocational development for General Council and Regional Staff. A proposal that will be presented to GC44 will include, “rest and renewal” in sabbatical guidelines.

Bruce Dickson asked, “What do the words mission and development mean to you?” A Word Cloud or Collage was created by words offered by small groups.

Tim Blair shared the work of United Property Resource Corporation. Its mission is “to be a trusted partner and leader working collaboratively to build diverse affordable, sustainable communities where all can live, gather and thrive.” (uprc.ca)

The Covenant Commission reminded us about updating pastoral charge profiles on a regular basis.

Human Resources Commission continues to promote healthy pastoral relationships, review position descriptions, appoint liaisons and review records of calls/appointments.

Rev Young Seo (Alma United) was admitted to the United Church and Rev. Gavin Williams (Parkview United, Stratford) was ordained.

Heather Leffler reminded us that the regional council symbols are a chain, walking stick and candle flame. Please consider being a volunteer in one of the groups mentioned above.

Financial statements were passed. Price Waterhouse Cooper was appointed as auditor.

Stone United Church Financial Reports

STONE UNITED CHURCH Balance Sheet For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2021 *Submitted by Bill Allen*

ASSETS		
Current Account		
General Fund	(\$2,038.22)	
Memorial Fund	14,183.49	
UCW Fund	294.35	
Choir Fund	1,150.37	
Sunday School Fund	202.23	
Children of Bukati	6,142.65	
Total Current Account		\$ 19,934.87
Other Current Assets		
Misc. Receivable	\$ 7,100.00	
HST Receivable	733.61	
UPI Fuel Oil Account	1,290.55	
Total Other Current Assets		9,124.16
Investments		
General Fund		
GIC (Apr 23) 1.00%	\$ 20,000.00	
TD Savings 0.20%	11,000.00	
Total General Fund Investments		31,000.00
Oakes Fund		
Savings Portion	\$ 14,737.29	
GIC (Apr 23) 1.00%	\$ 15,000.00	
GIC (Apr 22) 1.99%	25,000.00	
Total Oakes Fund		54,737.29
Total Assets		<u>\$ 114,796.32</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Accounts Payable		\$ -
Deferred Revenue (Broadview)		-
Beginning Equity	\$ 145,038.64	
Surplus or (Deficit) Operations	(5,456.18)	
Surplus or (Deficit) Other Funds	4,525.16	
Insulation & Cladding (Net)	(27,161.30)	
Other Non-Operating Expenses	(2,150.00)	
Total Equity		114,796.32
Total Liabilities and Equity		\$ 114,796.32

STONE UNITED CHURCH
Operating Statement
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2021
Submitted by Bill Allen

INCOME	2021 Actuals	2020 Actuals
General Operating Fund		
Weekly Givings	\$ 20,773.00	\$ 28,186.00
PAR Givings	33,165.00	33,512.00
Loose Collection	10.00	177.00
Corporate Givings	-	-
Other Donations	130.00	430.00
UCW Donation	200.00	200.00
Total General Operating	\$ 54,278.00	\$ 62,505.00
Mission & Services		
Weekly Givings	\$ 3,920.00	\$ 3,965.00
PAR Givings	6,985.00	6,700.00
UCW	400.00	400.00
Other	1,980.92	1,033.65
Total Mission & Services	13,285.92	\$ 12,098.65
Foodgrains Donations	\$ 7,237.50	
Haiti Relief	200.00	
Fundraising	559.00	
Project Expenses	-	
	<u>7,996.50</u>	<u>7,508.25</u>
Anishnabeg Outreach		1,050.00
Other Outreach		450.00
Maple Syrup Sales	\$ 12,014.00	10,760.00
Maple Syrup COGS	8,428.00	7,509.00
Net Maple Syrup Sales		<u>3,251.00</u>
		<u>3,586.00</u>
Take-Out Dinners Revenue	\$ 4,895.00	
Take-Out Dinners Donations	\$ 255.00	
Take-Out Dinners In-Kind	506.25	
Take-Out Dinners Expenses	(1,206.48)	
Net Income Dinners		4,449.77
Beef Dinner		\$ -
Chili Dinner		-
Rental Revenue		300.00
Interest Earned		2,291.59
In-Kind Givings		117.26
Other Revenue		119.96
		<u>525.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 87,815.04	\$ 93,734.83

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Operating Statement
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EXPENSES	2021 Actuals	2020 Actual
Transfer of Mission & Services	\$ 13,285.92	\$ 12,098.65
Other Transfers	9,496.50	9,033.25
Pastoral Charge Expenses		
Operating Expenses	\$ 51,400.20	\$ 48,207.80
Assessment	3,764.88	4,157.88
Total Pastoral Charge Expenses	55,165.08	\$ 52,365.68
Church Operating Expenses		
Electricity Expenses	\$ 1,026.57	\$ 973.80
Fuel Oil	889.81	1,431.86
Propane	927.64	1,184.76
Maintenance & Repairs	600.00	732.96
Water Tests	166.69	163.41
Organist/Pianist	1,040.00	1,280.00
Caretaker	500.00	500.00
Lawn Cutting (Stone Part)	500.00	500.00
Property Insurance	7,160.18	4,025.00
Other Operating Expense	250.00	-
Total Operating Expenses	13,060.89	\$ 10,791.79
Administrative Expenses		
Postage & P.O. Box	\$ 287.67	\$ 112.47
Bank & Other S/C	70.77	100.91
PAR Service Charges	114.00	115.50
CanadaHelps Fees	48.40	27.38
Office Supplies	-	39.99
Other Admin Expenses	20.00	24.29
Other Expenses	\$ 540.84	420.54
UC Broadview (Net)	\$214.60	\$ 310.00
Committee Expenses	-	\$ -
Resources (Books etc.)	-	-
Gifts	300.00	300.00
Study Support	-	-
HST Expense	1,207.39	290.64
Total Other Expenses	1,721.99	\$ 900.64
Total Expenses	93,271.22	85,610.55
Net Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$5,456.18)	\$8,124.28

STONE UNITED CHURCH
Operating Statement
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2021

Church Addition Insulation & Cladding		
Contract Cost	\$ 29,980.00	
Total HST	3,897.40	
Total Cost	<u>33,877.40</u>	<u>\$ 33,877.40</u>
UPFund Grant	\$ 4,000.00	
Current Portion of Oakes Fund	20,165.90	
HST Rebate	2,716.10	
Cost to be Covered by Oakes Fund	6,995.40	
Total Credits	<u>33,877.40</u>	<u>\$ 33,877.40</u>
Non Operating Expenses		
Purchase Whirlpool Range	749.99	
HST Expense on Range	29.55	
Net Range Cost (Allocated to Memorial Fund)	<u>779.54</u>	<u>\$ 779.54</u>
Church Value Appraisal		2,150.00
Total Non Operating Expenses		<u>\$ 2,929.54</u>

STONE UNITED CHURCH
Operating Statement
For the 12 Months Ending December 31, 2021

Church Funds 2020

Memorial Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 14,963.03	
Donations	\$ -		
Expenditures	<u>(779.54)</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>(779.54)</u>	
Memorial Fund Balance			\$14,183.49

UCW Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 1,082.30	
Revenue	\$ 865.00		
Expenditures	<u>(252.95)</u>		
M&S Contributions	<u>(400.00)</u>		
Other Contributions	<u>(1,000.00)</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>(787.95)</u>	
UCW Fund Balance			\$ 294.35

Choir Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 1,200.37	
Collections	\$ -		
Expenditures	<u>(50.00)</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>50.00</u>	
Choir Fund Balance			1,150.37

Sunday School Fund

Beginning Balance		\$ 202.23	
Money In	\$ -		
Expenditures	<u>0.00</u>		
Change in Fund		<u>0.00</u>	
Sunday School Fund Balance			202.23

Children of Bukati Fund	\$ 6,142.65	6,142.65
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Current Portion of Oakes Fund

General Operating Fund		<u>(2,038.22)</u>	
Total Account Balance			\$ 19,934.87

Stone United Church Cemetery Fund
Submitted by Eileen McDougall, Treasurer

Income

Bank Balance January 1, 2021	\$219.55
Interest on Perpetual Care	119.75
GIC Maturity	2,000.00
Bank Interest	<u>.11</u>
	<u>\$2,339.41</u>

Expenses



GIC Renewal	\$2,000.00
Grass Maintenance	200.00
Bank Fee	.60
Balance December 30, 2021	<u>138.81</u>
	<u>\$2,339.41</u>

GIC Investments **\$9,519.00**

Reviewed and found correct as presented
the following Stone Church Reports

Property and Finance
Memorial Fund
Choir Fund
Sunday School Fund
United Church Women Fund
Children of Bukati Fund
Mission and Service Fund
Cemetery Fund
Trustee's Report

Jack Ward and Carl Baker, January 2022

Stone Nominating Report for 2022

Submitted by Brian Mack, Council Chairperson

Committee/Position	Nominated for 2022	Appointed for 2022
Worship and Faith Formation (was <i>Worship and Christian Education</i>) (5+ appointed)	Brian Mack ²⁰¹² Barb Parker ²⁰¹⁶ Heather De Jonge ²⁰¹³ Tammy Smits ²⁰²²	Liz Guthrie ¹⁹⁸⁹ – Organist Heather Leffler – Minister
Pastoral Care and Fellowship (5)	John Leffler ²⁰¹⁶ Marg Baker ²⁰¹⁶ Gwen Brander ²⁰²² Karen Richardson ²⁰¹⁸	
Outreach Outreach is being done by small groups and the UCW and overseen by the Council.	Anishnabeg Outreach	
	Canadian Foodgrains Bank	Bill Allen ²⁰¹⁹ , Paul May ²⁰¹⁹ , Barb Parker ²⁰¹⁹ , Tom Parker ²⁰¹⁹
	Children of Bukati	Cate Dewey ²⁰⁰⁷ , Peter Guthrie ²⁰⁰⁷
Property and Finance (5+ appointed)	Jack Ward ²⁰⁰⁷ Tom Parker ²⁰¹⁷ Ed Nagel ²⁰²⁰ Steve Thomson ²⁰²²	Bill Allen ²⁰¹⁷ – Treasurer Edie Ward – ^{pre2010} UCW Jack and Edie Ward – Caretakers
Nominating (1+ appointed)	Paul May ¹⁹⁹⁹	Council Chairperson Council Secretary
Ministry and Personnel (3)	Brian Mack ²⁰¹³ Peter Guthrie ²⁰¹² Patty Lancaster ²⁰²²	
Trustees	Eileen McDougall ²⁰⁰⁹ Randy Dewey ²⁰⁰⁹ Peter Guthrie ²⁰¹¹ Paul May ¹⁹⁸⁸	Heather Leffler – Minister
Chair of Council	Brian Mack ²⁰²¹	
Secretary of Council	Tammy Smits ²⁰²⁰	
Treasurer	Bill Allen ²⁰¹⁷	
UCW Representative	Marg Baker ²⁰¹⁴	
Financial Reviewers	Jack Ward ²⁰⁰⁹ Carl Baker ²⁰⁰⁹	
Chair of Pastoral Charge Board	Randy Dewey ²⁰²¹	
Broadview Magazine Representative	Carl Baker	
Mission and Service	Peter Guthrie ¹⁹⁸⁹	
United Possibilities Fund of Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council Representative	Bill Allen ²⁰²⁰	
WOW Regional Council Representative	Liz Guthrie ²⁰¹³	

Rockwood Annual Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2021, on Zoom

Submitted by Carol Smelsky, Secretary

Present: Rev. Heather Leffler, Sherol Steinberg – Chair, Carol Smelsky – Secretary, Amanda Hunter–Anthony, Kevin Anthony, John Arbuckle, Marion Bascom, Phyllis Bayne–Puchyr, Rosslyn Bentley, Cees Braamse, Lou Darcie, Ollie Darcie, Barbara Eley, Scott Grant, Marcia Haworth, Elsa Hore, Frances Jamieson, John Leffler, Kay Mathies, Brent Stiles, Ellen Thomson, Christine Wenger

11:15 am: Sherol Steinberg welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting. She went over the voting procedures. Everyone was asked to identify themselves before speaking and when making a motion or seconding a motion to make it easier to take minutes.

Motion to vote by a show of hands, unless voting by ballot is requested by one person:

Marcia Haworth / Marion Bascom. Carried.

Motion that visitors be made corresponding members: Ellen Thomson / Christine Wenger. Carried.

Motion that adherents be eligible to vote at this meeting: Ollie Darcie / Ellen Thomson. Carried.

Motion to accept the Minutes as printed and circulated for the Annual General Meeting on March 1, 2020 (pages 35-36): Elsa Hore / Brent Stiles. Carried.

Business from the Minutes: Rev. Heather Leffler

At the last Annual General Meeting, members were asked to complete a worksheet about their faith and how they see it reflected in Rockwood UC's initiatives. This information will be used to create our Living Faith Story. This information will be available online for all of the United Churches. The Living Faith Stories replace the old needs assessment process when it becomes necessary to replace a minister.

Sherol Steinberg called on a member of each Committee to touch on highlights of their reports, and then opened up the meeting to questions from those in attendance.

Affirming Discernment Circle: Brent Stiles expressed his thanks to everyone. The Discernment Circle will continue over the next year. He thanked everyone for their participation and thanked Marion Bascom for sharing her story.

Eramosa Ensemble: Barbara Eley thanked all of the members for their fabulous music.

Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun: Rev. Heather Leffler is inviting people to join in for a Bible story, crafts and a quiz.

Finance and Stewardship: Rev. Heather Leffler expressed her gratitude to the treasurers; Roy Steinberg – Pastoral Charge Treasurer, Bill Allen – Stone UC Treasurer and Amanda Hunter–Anthony – Rockwood UC Treasurer. Stone UC has offered financial assistance to Rockwood UC, if needed, as East Wellington Community Services did not renew their lease for the House of Joy.

Motion to accept the Pastoral Charge Reports (pages 3-14) as circulated: Ellen Thomson / Marcia Haworth. Carried. The reports include the Minister's Letter; Pastoral Charge Board; Affirming Discernment Circle; Eramosa Ensemble; Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun; Finance and Stewardship; Ministry and Personnel; Minister's Report to Ministry and Personnel for 2020; Trustees; Rockwood Stone Trustees Financial Report for 2020; Worship.

Motion to accept the Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2021 Budget (pages 15-16) as circulated: Christine Wenger / Rosslyn Bentley. Carried.

Rosslyn Bentley led us in a Moment of Silence as we remembered the deaths of loved ones:

Margaret "Eleanore" Kelly, William "Bill" Gee, John Kearns, Peter Puchyr, Dorothy Musselman, Catherine Woolner.

Rockwood UC Reports

Rev. Heather Leffler clarified that the Statistics are the numbers that the United Church uses to track how the churches are doing and how to assess us.

Christine Wenger told us that the chimes are in storage, and she is looking for new members to join Chimes.

The Country Breakfasts have become Breakfasts for Dinner food auctions during the Covid lockdown. The funds raised are being deposited in the General Fund.

Marcia Haworth and Kay Mathies reported that Outreach has helped out the community more this past year than they have in previous years. Kudos to the Committee for their particularly inventive fundraising activities.

Ellen Thomson, on behalf of Pastoral Care, explained that the photo directories were delivered by hand due to Covid. An updated contact list has been sent to everyone. They have had one meeting and are planning for the future. They have also been given responsibility for fellowship, so Pastoral Care is now known as Pastoral Care and Fellowship.

Sherol Steinberg reported for Property and Finance that the cleaner is still coming in. The Committee is waiting for the demolition of the House of Joy and the selling of the parking lot. Scott Jamieson and Kevin Anthony are regularly checking the Church and the House of Joy for insurance purposes.

Sherol Steinberg reported for Rentals that the number of rentals is down. Rockwood Praying Hands (AA) is using Day Hall with limited numbers on Tuesday evenings and is following Covid protocols.

Rosslyn Bentley reported for the Trustees that they have been meeting frequently and will continue to keep the congregation informed regarding the sale of the parking lot and the demolition of the House of Joy.

Barbara Eley reported for Worship and Christian Education that they are extremely grateful to Rev. Heather Leffler for leading us in Zoom worship on Sunday mornings. Rev. Heather Leffler also meets regularly with the children from Rockwood UC and the young adults from Stone UC.

Motion to accept the Rockwood Committee UC Reports (pages 37-45) as circulated: Kay Mathies / Christine Wenger. Carried. The reports include Membership; Statistics 2020; Chimes; Country Breakfast; Outreach; Pastoral Care and Fellowship; Property and Finance; Rentals; Trustees; Worship and Christian Education.

Amanda Hunter-Anthony, Treasurer, reported that there is \$4,700 in the General Account. Contributions are coming in. Sherol Steinberg expressed thanks to Kevin Anthony and Roy Steinberg for snow removal. They saved the Church at least \$3,000 in snow removal fees. Sherol Steinberg will be circulating information on operating costs so that the congregation is aware of the ongoing expenses of the Church.

It was agreed that the Rockwood UC Financial Reports (pages 46-49) be accepted as circulated: All in favour. Carried. The reports include Reviewers; Operating Statement; Outreach; Building and Improvement; Choir; Decor; Sunday School.

Sherol Steinberg spoke to the Nominations Report. Over the last 18 months the Governance Discernment Circle has completed position descriptions for all Pastoral Charge Board positions. Position descriptions for each Church are in the process of being completed and should be ready in the

next few months. Thanks to Rev. Heather Leffler and Bill Allen for all of their hard work in completing these descriptions. It should be noted that the Nominations Report is a fluid document; with the exception of the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Trustees, anybody can join a committee at any time.

Motion to accept the Rockwood UC Nominating Report for 2021 (page 50) as circulated:

Ellen Thomson / Elsa Hore. Carried.

New Business:

Everyone was asked to express what they were thankful for: Rev. Heather Leffler for all her work and flexibility in making the interesting "challenges" challenges and not obstacles and her positivity; the way the congregation embraced Zoom; Chris Barlow for his musical talents and recording knowledge; thanks for all who supported and stayed with the Church during these trying times; everything is very supportive; the music; the love that is all around us in our Church; the tremendous cooperation between Rockwood UC and Stone UC; thanks for Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun and cinnabuns; thanks to Outreach and coming up with creative ideas for fundraising, Anishnabeg Outreach bicycle drive; how the whole community rallied around the bicycle drive; support of Anishnabeg Outreach is greatly appreciated; the opportunity for Bible Study and the Book Club involving both congregations; support of congregation and Church family as a whole; thankful to Rockwood UC for opening the doors to virtual church; inspiring leadership from Rev. Heather Leffler on the Zoom meetings; Sherol Steinberg for her leadership on Council; Carol Smelsky for taking the minutes; appreciate the hymns and music on Zoom; Property Committee for keeping our buildings in shape; the Christmas tree from Christine Wenger with Kevin Anthony's and Sherol Steinberg's help; appreciate how the Church is still meeting and so positive; Rev. Heather Leffler would like to thank everyone for joining the worship on Zoom.

Motion that the Mission and Service goal be \$12,000 for 2021: Marcia Haworth / Kay Mathies. Carried.

Correspondence: Rev. Heather Leffler

Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council holds the mortgage on the House of Joy. They are waiving the mortgage payments until the parking lot is sold. Extension Council has UP (United Possibilities) Funds as grants available: \$5,000 for capital and \$10,000 for ministry, twice a year. This money is available for churches from the former Waterloo Presbytery and Extension Council wants to give it to the churches. Council must apply for it.

Slide Show:

This was a reminder of all the good things that happened over the past year.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 pm: Elsa Hore / Ollie Darcie. Carried.

Carol Smelsky, Secretary

Chair

Rockwood United Church Committee Reports

Membership

Submitted by Heather Leffler

Number of Resident Members – January 1, 2021	101
Removed by Death	<u>-1</u>
Lou Darcie	
Total Number of Resident Members – December 31, 2021	100
Number of Non-Resident Members – January 1, 2021	16
Total Number of Non-Resident Members – December 31, 2021	<u>16</u>
Total Number on Church Roll – December 31, 2021	116

Baptisms: 0

Weddings: 0

Funerals: 1

Lou Darcie on September 30, 2021 at Rockmosa, Rockwood

In Memoriam:

Lou Darcie died July 25, 2021

Statistics 2021

Submitted by Heather Leffler

Number of Households under Pastoral Care	82	Other Group Memberships	
Number of Financially Supporting Households	44	<i>(includes anyone who has attended</i>	
Number of Givers to Local Expenses	39	<i>at least once)</i>	
Number of Givers to Missions and Service	19	*Coffee Connections	11
Average Weekly Attendance for combined worship in October/November on Zoom	32	*Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun	12
Average Attendance for in-person worship	14	*Kids Time	5
Adherents <i>(includes children, youth and adults who participate in the life and work of our church monthly)</i>	26	*Tea and Talk	12
Children and Young People	Total		
Under 3 years of age	0		
3-5 years of age	0		
6-11 years of age	4		
12-18 years of age	0		
Teachers	1		

*Includes participants from both congregations.

Chimes

Submitted by Christine Wenger, Chimes Choir Leader

Unfortunately, the chimes group did not gather or play this year due to the ongoing pandemic. No money was spent on the purchase of new music for the troupe.

Outreach

Submitted by Marcia Haworth and Kay Mathies, Co-Chairs

Members: Our faithful committee members continue to be Colleen Baeumler, Marion Bascom, Marcia Haworth, Darlene McPhedran, Kay Mathies, and Phyllis Puchyr. We would happily welcome new members with open arms.

It is hard to believe that it has been almost two years since our committee held an in-person meeting or fundraiser. However, like many others, we changed only how we do things, not what we do; so we zoom ahead and marvel constantly at the willingness of both congregations to embrace our endeavours. Once again you enabled us to offer assistance within our community, especially to those whose lives were a struggle long before a pandemic made it all even more difficult. We extend our most sincere and humble thanks to all for supporting Outreach this year.

This is how your generous support helped during 2021:

Mission and Service: This year your donations to Mission and Service (M & S) exceeded our target by over \$1,000, for a grand total of \$13,218. Thank you so much on behalf of the many people within Canada and worldwide that benefit so greatly from M & S. We attempted to raise awareness of the important work of M & S by providing monthly updates in the bulletin and sent out "Your Generosity Matters" booklet in the Creation Time package. For those able to attend Zoom-church services, Heather Leffler shows monthly inspirational videos.

East Wellington Community Services Food Bank: We have responded several times to the food bank, at their request, by filling their freezer and donating hams at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We assisted them with components of their Christmas Day food hamper for all their clients by supplying bacon, sausages, and maple syrup. This year we were able to give each of the 25 adult clients a Christmas gift of a \$100 card for the grocery store of their choice and 10 children received a \$25 Walmart gift card. The Advent food drive was very successful as we received donations from our congregations of much needed items. Also, a total of \$1,135 was donated during Advent which includes \$300 from Christmas card sales and \$350 was raised and donated separately by Stone's congregation. This will be used for a freezer-fill and small denomination Foodland gift cards to be handed out throughout the year.

Rural Women's Support Program (RWSP): In the spring we received a generous \$1,000 donation from the Rockwood Lionesses via Ollie Darcie which we forwarded to RWSP. This Christmas, three Rockwood women, receiving counselling through our local RWSP each received a \$100 Wal-Mart gift card, and six children received a \$25 gift card to help them over the season. An additional donation of \$500 from Outreach funds will be made to Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis, the parent organization of RWSP.

Special Requests: Outreach continues to ensure we can respond to the folk that reach out for assistance by having a supply of grocery and gas cards available in the narthex, on which we spent \$200 in 2021. This year we also assisted a woman with her move to new accommodation following a series of unfortunate events. Our congregations provided her with household items; and a shopping trip to the Mission Thrift Store was arranged during which she selected items at no charge. We thanked the Mission Thrift Store manager for the generosity by donating \$50. We used donations from Outreach funds and individuals to provide her with grocery gift cards.

Anishnabeg Outreach: Throughout the year we have donated items of clothing, footwear, homemade blankets and quilts, but at present AO is not accepting more donations. During Advent, we received \$950 in donations, of which \$350 came from Christmas card sales to support Anishnabeg Outreach's Orange Shirt Sponsorship Program. This symbolizes a unified step towards reconciliation and building of relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Each \$150 sponsorship provides Indigenous Artists with beading kits, a workshop and mentor so they can start their own micro business. AO plans to buy their pins and hopes to expand the program to launch an online selling platform for Indigenous artists. We will donate \$1,050 to this initiative, enabling them to fund 7 beading kits.

Outreach Activities

Our fundraising activities this year centred around EWCS food bank, Anishnabeg Outreach and the RWSP and mostly involved food! Going forward, we will be more deliberate in ensuring we have funds to facilitate a timely response to folk reaching out to Rockwood United Church (RUC) for assistance, in addition to the drop-in gift card program. To this end council voted that we can allocate a maximum of \$300 for this purpose.

We held six Food Fixes during 2021 and thanks to the obviously competitive natures of our bidders and their love of food, we made \$2,350 profit. In the summer we prepared a take-out chicken picnic which added a further \$830. Late November saw us quickly selling out of our gift boxed homemade jams and jellies. Then our committee enjoyed being together outdoors while creating Christmas wreaths, swags and arrangements using the fresh greens kindly donated by Cees Braamse. This festive fundraiser brought in \$950.

For a detailed record of how all the Outreach funds were distributed please see the year-end Operating Fund included in the 2021 RUC Financial Report.

Our fearless committee members continue to rise to the challenge of helping our neighbours with enthusiasm and energy. As ever, we are so grateful to all the members of both RUC and Stone congregations who helped make it all happen. We thank you again Heather for your unfailing support and guidance, and for your assistance with our technology hiccups. Thanks also to Lisa, Sharyn and Amanda for your help in so many ways.

We continue to be united in a common cause to walk humbly with God as we demonstrate love and support for each other.

Pastoral Care and Fellowship
Submitted by Ellen Thomson, Chair

Members: Lou and Ollie Darcie, Ian Pasmore, Ellen Thomson

Pastoral Care did meet on Monday, October 11 at the home of Ollie Darcie to discuss the reopening survey, which we decided not to complete. Alternate plans were put into place for the opening of Rockwood United Church.

Circle of Care/Church Roll: Since the new year we have learned that our members are doing a good job of reaching out to one another through telephone calls and email conversations. We ask that you forward new information, if you change your email or telephone number.

Via ZOOM the following connections continued: church with conversation before and after the worship service, Kids Time, and Confirmation Class. The sending out of children's activities on Sunday mornings has helped to connect younger families. For Lent, Creation and Advent, a booklet of readings with reflections and symbols were delivered by the members of the committee and willing volunteers. Thank you!

Ian has asked that people let him know if someone should receive a card. Thank you, Ian, for the cards you have sent.

Our committee mourns the loss of Lou Darcie. He was gifted in making hospital visits, home visits and telephoning those who needed conversation. We give thanks for his time with us.

Tea and Talk, Coffee Connections and Faith, Food, Friendship and Fun continue on ZOOM. Thank you to Heather Leffler and Lisa Leffler for assisting with the technology! These activities help build community and relationships among one another.

Broadview group subscriptions were reviewed to revise the list. If you would like to receive the magazine or decline the magazine, please notify Ellen Thomson.

During this Covid year Pastoral Care has put the planning of workshop(s) on hold.

Property and Finance

Submitted by Sherol Steinberg

House of Joy: Work has proceeded on the site plan for the repurposed house property. As with everything in the time of Covid, timelines have been a challenge to keep moving smoothly. We are planning to move the generator, automatic door and electronic exit signs to the church when it is time to demolish the house. In addition, under consideration: sale and/repurposing of items from the house prior to demolition and working with the fire department to allow for the house to be used for training purposes.

Church: The committee has put a hold on most expenditures until the Church has received approvals from the township for demolition and construction on the house lot, with the exception of fixing the stain glass window in the narthex. Trillium Glass has been retained to reframe the window and install tempered glass on the outside of the window. We will be looking at having all stain glass windows assessed for need of repairs, looking into possible areas of funding for restoration of the windows. The fans in the sanctuary will need replacing (not all speeds work currently) but they are functional for now.

At Christmas, we decorated the outside of the church. There were community members who came and sat on the bench daily in the evening to have a peaceful moment.

Church Use: Church rentals and use have been suspended over the last year as per provincial guidelines. Generally, AA was allowed to meet with limited numbers as a designated mental health/addiction service. We have provided them with strict protocols that support the provincial and public health protocols in order to keep everyone safe. All rentals/users will be considered on a case-to-case basis, but we do not anticipate any further users at this time.

Ideally with church moving back to in person worship, we prefer to keep 48-72 hours between usages. We continue to work with the Reopening Commission to create protocols to keep all safe. All who enter the church must contact sherol.steins@gmail.com prior to entering to ensure that traffic in and out of the building is managed safely. All must fill out the contact forms by the door and follow the posted protocols.

Finances: These are difficult times and we would like to thank you – your continuing generosity and support make the work of the church possible. In the spring we had 23 PAR givers. Prior to the pandemic we had 43 regular givers. While we are unable to sell the parking lot, and still have the costs of maintaining the house and the additional costs of applying for permits, we needed to inform the congregation of our challenging financial situation. We sent a financial appeal letter that received strong support through increases in PAR and one-time financial gifts. Property and Finance ran fundraisers including Breakfast for Dinner, Food for Fathers (or anyone who was hungry) and with Stone ran the second Annual Garden Tour. The construction company working on Hwy 7 used our parking lot for the duration of the work and will be providing us with compensation.

We are able to accept donations through PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), cheque mailed to church or e-transfer sent to rockwooduc.treasurer@gmail.com and Canada Helps. If you would like more information on any of the donation methods, please contact Amanda Hunter-Athony at rockwooduc.treasurer@gmail.com.

We are grateful for:

- Scott Jamieson who has been checking on the house twice a week since October 2020 – we did not foresee the state of limbo lasting this long. Thank you to Cees Braamse who has taken over from Scott.
- Treasurer Amanda Hunter-Anthony who faithfully and diligently keeps the books for Rockwood United Church.
- Mowing the lawn 2021 – Thanks to Kevin Anthony and Cees Braamse.
- Snow Removal 2020-21 – Thanks to Kevin Anthony, Cees Braamse, Roy Steinberg and Darryl Nichol.
- Snow Removal 2021-22 – Thanks to Cees Braamse and Kevin Anthony.
- Decorating outside Christmas 2021 – Thanks to Andrian Adler, Liam Anthony, Amanda and Kevin Anthony, Ros Bentley, Roy Steinberg, Cees Braamse, Heather and John Leffler. Special thanks to the Wenger's for providing the tree, and Ray and Ellen Thomson for the straw bales and Jill Clyde for the hydrangeas.
- Decorating Inside the Church 2021 – Thanks to Colleen Baeumler for organizing and Phyllis Puchyr and Michele McDaid for implementing her vision.
- Drainage and Eavestrough work – Thanks to Cees Braamse and Kevin Anthony.
- Working with the township to get permits for demolition of house and for construction of parking lot – Thanks to Darryl Nichol.
- A special thank you to Helen Ferrier who keeps the church spic and span and whose patience and flexibility have been appreciated over the last two years.

Trustees have asked us to provide our recommendations on capital projects after the current parking lot is sold. Our initial thoughts include maintenance on stain glass windows, accessibility ramp in sanctuary, possible removal of pews to create a multi use space, creating an additional room by walling off the current choir loft and moving the choir, addressing accessibility issues around lighting and sound system, and reimagining Day Fellowship Hall.

We believe it would be beneficial to have an engineer/architect who is experienced working with historical buildings to do plans/recommendations based on what is needed – including accessibility updates (including but not limited to sound/lights/physical accessibility), so the church can create a staged plan that is practical and keeps the historical flavour of the building while making it more user friendly.

Thank you to Scott Jamieson for his years of service to Rockwood United Church on the Property and Finance Committee – his contribution to the life and work of the church has been invaluable. I would like to thank all members of this committee (both formal and informal) for their unflagging enthusiasm and willingness to embrace change and challenge in this year already full of change and challenge.

Trustees

Submitted by Rosslyn Bentley, Chair

Trustees: Rosslyn Bentley, Frances Jamieson, Heather Leffler Darryl Nichol, Christine Wenger
The Rockwood Trustees met on January 13, June 17, and December 2, 2021. Christine Wenger continues to be the corresponding secretary of the committee. Heather Leffler takes the minutes. Frances Jamieson will complete her service as a Trustee this year and we thank her for her and Scott's gifts in support of the work of the Trustees. Darryl Nichol continues to take the lead in terms of negotiation of the land sale and car park construction, and we thank him for the diligence to continue to move this process forward.

The main focus of the Trustees' activities in 2021 continued to be related to our property and the proposed car park development. The engineer hired to develop plans for the demolition of the house and construction of a new parking lot submitted them, along with a landscaping plan, to the Township for approval. The Ministry of Transportation (MTO), Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) and County of Wellington have also been consulted. Funds from our investment have been used to meet the expenses to date. The sale of the existing parking lot will move forward when we have approval from the Township.

Local lawyers, Black and Woods, were asked to adjust the titles on the deeds for the church and the house as one document said, "the congregation of Rockwood United Church" and the other "Rockwood United Church congregation".

Donation

We are anticipating a donation from Capital Paving for use of the church parking lot.

Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Regional Council Covenant Commission – The Covenant Commission is aware of the intention to sell the parking lot. The final sale is conditional on the approval of the Commission and a condition needs to be inserted into the sale documents to allow for seven business days for them to approve it.

The Covenant Commission will want the church to set restrictions on how to use the proceeds from the sale. Ideas from Church committees were solicited by the Fall of 2021, however, further discussion will take place once information about costs associated with major repairs to the church building and the dollar amount remaining after debts and fees are settled is understood. If the sale takes place, the proceeds will be paid into the General Fund and once immediate needs are served the balance will be paid into the investment fund until RUC has made any decisions about the use of the funds.

Waterloo Presbytery Extension Council and the Mortgage – January 1, 2020 was \$151,505.82. Extension Council had approved a one-year interest only mortgage at 2.7 %. The mortgage must be paid off before the house is demolished. The interest, including our November and December payments from 2020, will be added to the principal which is to be paid off in full when the parking lot is sold. The Trustees are asking Extension Council to extend our agreement that we will pay the full amount of our loan plus interest from this year as soon as the sale of the parking lot is complete. Members of the congregation donated \$960 which was applied to the mortgage in 2021.

Investment with Frontier Capital Funds. As a result of Frances' departure, Christine Wenger replaces her as the second signatory for the Frontier Investments.

Insurance – Policy No: 18879C02.6.0 for 107 Harris Street runs from December 1st each year. Colley Insurance has informed us that our insurance from Hub will increase by 15%. Hub is removing the percentage fee for monthly payments and continuing our coverage while they deal with a backlog of renewals.

Rockwood United Church Financial Reports

ROCKWOOD UNITED CHURCH

Annual Financial Report

For 12 Months Ending December 31, 2021

Submitted by Amanda Hunter-Anthony

General Fund		
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$11,560.76
Revenue		
General Operating Fund		
Weekly Givings	\$4,825.00	
E-Transfers	6,540.00	
PAR Givings	35,463.00	
Appeal	14,050.00	
Total General Operating		\$60,878.00
Country Breakfasts		
Revenue	-00	
- For Dinner	506.00	
Expenses – Extra	-00	
Country Breakfasts (Net)		506.00
Other Revenue		
Church Rentals		
- Praying Hands	1,620.00	
- Community Resources	-00	
Reimbursed from Pastoral Chg.	1,224.75	
Fundraisers – Food 4 Fathers	840.00	
Wedding/Funeral	-00	
Memorial	1,205.00	
Other Donations		
- Non Specific	350.00	
- Canada Helps	408.00	
- United Way	146.48	
- Cdn Online Giving (Benevity)	2,457.80	
Decor (In General)	200.35	
Building Fund – Repairs & Maintenance	-00	
- Loan from Building Fund	5,600.00	
HST Refund	727.85	
Total Other Revenue		14,780.23
Total Revenue		\$76,164.23

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House of Joy		
Revenue		
EWCS Rent	\$-00	
Mortgage - Weekly Givings	300.00	
- PAR Givings	660.00	
B&I Repairs & Maintenance	-00	
Total Revenue	<u>\$960.00</u>	
Expenses		
Union Gas	690.80	
Hydro	466.14	
Water	267.28	
Insurance	2,036.69	
Mortgage Interest/Principal	2,486.64	
Repairs & Maintenance	-00	
Total Expenses	<u>5,947.55</u>	
House of Joy - Net Surplus (Deficit)		(4,987.55)
Balance as of December 31, 2021 - General Fund		\$9,213.85

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Outreach Fund			
Balance as of December 31, 2020			\$4,232.39
Revenue			
M&S Weekly Givings	\$1,905.00		
PAR Givings	11,113.00		
Lenten – M&S	200.00		
	<u>200.00</u>	\$13,218.00	
Donations – Outreach	25.00		
- RWSP	1,000.00		
Food Bank	250.00		
	<u>250.00</u>	1,275.00	
Food Fix – Revenue	2,350.00		
- Expense	-00		
	<u>-00</u>	2,350.00	
Chicken Picnic – Revenue	830.00		
- Expense	-00		
	<u>-00</u>	830.00	
Festive Arrangements	965.00		
Christmas Car - Donation	25.00		
- M&S	50.00		
- Anishnabeg	350.00		
- Food Bank	300.00		
Donations – Anishnabeg	600.00		
- EWCS/Food Bank	505.00		
Bank Interest	7.75		
	<u>7.75</u>	2,802.75	
Total Revenue		<u>2,802.75</u>	\$20,475.75
Expenses			
UCC – M&S Weekly Givings	13,068.00		
- Lenten Givings	200.00		
	<u>200.00</u>	13,268.00	
Food Bank & Gift Cards	3,445.00		
RWSP Gift Cards	450.00		
Person In Need	300.00		
Mission Thrift Store	50.00		
Anishnabeg Outreach			
- Sewing Project	1,100.00		
Women in Crisis	3,000.00		
Bank Fees	-00		
	<u>-00</u>	8,345.00	
Total Expenses		<u>8,345.00</u>	<u>21,613.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2021 - Outreach Fund			\$3,095.14

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Building and Improvement Fund		\$8,169.57
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$8,169.57
Revenue		
Weekly Givings	\$328.00	
PAR Givings	1,480.00	
Appeal – Building	1,000.00	
Fundraiser – Food 4 Fathers	40.00	
- Garden Tour	600.00	
	\$3,448.00	\$3,448.00
Returned		
– Borrowed for Gen. Help	3,449.78	
– Borrowed for Engineers	5,339.87	
– Borrowed for Architect	-00	
Over Withdraw	555.00	
Bank Interest	10.68	
	9,355.33	9,355.33
Total Revenue		\$12,803.33
Expenses		
Repairs & Maintenance – Church	-00	
- Trillium	1,273.00	
Loan to General Fund Account	5,600.00	
Fundraiser – Food 4 Fathers	40.00	
- Garden Tour (Stone)	200.00	
Canoe Borrow - Engineers	9,030.64	
- Architect	1,695.00	
Over Withdraw	555.00	
Bank Fees	3.50	
	18,397.14	18,397.14
Total Expenses		18,397.14
Balance as of December 31, 2021 - Building and Improvement		\$2,575.76

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Sunday School Fund		\$73.20
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$73.20
Revenue		
Bank Interest – School	\$0.36	
Total Revenue		0.36
Expenses		
Total Expenses	\$0.00	-00
Balance as of December 31, 2021 - Sunday School Fund		\$73.56

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Fund for Trustees/Parking Lot		<u>Owed to Building</u>	<u>Paid From Trustees</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$ -	
Revenue			
Investment	17,000.00		17,000.00
Borrowed from Building Fund			
- Engineers	9,030.64	9,030.64	
- Landscape Architect	1,695.00	1,695.00	
Total Revenue	27,725.64	10,725.64	17,000.00
Expenses			
GM BluePlan Engineering	15,282.77		15,282.77
Township of Guelph/Eramosa	5,408.00		5,408.00
Aboud & Associates	1,695.00		1,695.00
Returned to Building Fund	5,339.87	5,339.87	
Total Expenses	27,725.64	5,339.87	22,385.77
Balance as of December 31, 2021		\$ -	(5,385.77)
			-00

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<u>Choir Fund</u>		
Balance as of December 31, 2020		\$804.02
Revenue		
Donation	\$80.00	
Bank Interest	1.40	
Total Revenue		81.40
Expenses		
Decor (In General)	200.35	
Inactivity Fee	20.00	
Total Expenses		220.35
Balance as of December 31, 2021 - Choir Fund		\$665.07

The original books of record were reviewed by David Smelsky and found correct as presented.

January 30, 2022



David Smelsky

Rockwood Nominating Report for 2022

Committee/Position	Nominated	Appointed
Chair of Council:	Sherol Steinberg ²⁰¹⁴	
Secretary of Council:	Carol Smelsky ²⁰¹³	
Treasurer:	Amanda Hunter-Anthony ²⁰¹⁸	
Regional Council Representative:	Sarah Leffler ²⁰¹⁹	
Pastoral Care and Fellowship:	Ellen Thomson ²⁰¹⁹ (Chairperson) Ollie Darcie ²⁰⁰⁶ Ian Pasmore ²⁰¹⁵ (Cards)	
Outreach:	Marcia Haworth ²⁰⁰⁰ (Co-Chairperson) Kay Mathies ²⁰¹⁰ (Co-Chairperson) Colleen Baeumler ²⁰¹⁷ Marion Bascom ²⁰¹⁵ Darlene McPhedran ²⁰¹³ Phyllis Bayne-Puchyr ¹⁹⁹³	
Property and Finance:	Sherol Steinberg ²⁰²⁰ (Chairperson) Kevin Anthony ²⁰¹⁸ Colleen Baeumler ²⁰¹³ Darryl Nichol ²⁰¹⁴	
Worship and Christian Education	Barbara Eley ²⁰⁰⁶ (Chair/Choir Director) Carol Smelsky ¹⁹⁹⁵ Brent Stiles ²⁰¹⁹	
Chime Choir Director:	Christine Wenger	
Financial Reviewer:	David Smelsky ²⁰¹⁴	
Nominating:	Ollie Darcie ²⁰¹⁴	Sherol Steinberg – Council Chair Ellen Thomson – Past Chair
Pastoral Charge Committees and Positions		
Ministry and Personnel:	Rosslyn Bentley ²⁰⁰⁵ Frances Jamieson ²⁰¹⁴ Ellen Thomson ²⁰¹⁸	
Pastoral Charge Secretary	Carol Smelsky ²⁰¹⁴⁻²⁰²¹	
Pastoral Charge Treasurer	Roy Steinberg ²⁰¹⁴	
Trustees:	Rosslyn Bentley ²⁰¹⁵ Darryl Nichol ²⁰¹⁴ Christine Wenger ²⁰¹⁹	Heather Leffler – Minister
Appointed Positions		
Communion Co-ordinator	Pat McLean ²⁰¹⁷	
Country Breakfast Co-ordinators	Marcia Haworth, Sherol Steinberg	
Decorating Co-ordinator	Colleen Baeumler	
Offer Co-ordinator	Carol Stiles ²⁰¹⁴	
Website Host/Webmaster	Chris Barlow ²⁰²⁰	
Rentals	Marcia Haworth ²⁰¹⁶ , Kay Mathies ²⁰¹⁶	Lisa Leffler
United Possibilities Fund of Waterloo	Heather Leffler	
Presbytery Extension Council Representative		

It has become our practice to check in with committee members each year to see if they are willing to continue serving, so we are no longer including an end date for new terms. With the exception of the Ministry and Personnel Committee and the Trustees, committees may add members throughout the year.

Thank you to all faithful our volunteers, especially those who are completing their term.