



Annual Report 2020

St. Mark's United Church



The United Church of Canada

*St. Mark's mission is to continue to serve God
by caring for, and sharing with,
those hungry in body, mind and spirit
through our worship, witness, service and love.*



Love. Grow. Serve.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL CHAIRS

It goes without saying that 2020 was incredibly challenging for the population of our world, St Mark's community of faith was not excepted. As a tribute to the commitment of our community you will see in the ministry (committees have been renamed ministries) reports following, just how well we pivoted and met the challenges imposed on us by COVID-19 protocols. Please take a moment, (with the recent stay at home rules we may have the time), to sit back and read just how well our faith community met these unique challenges. We believe it is fair to say that in the last nine months of 2020 St Mark's has experienced more change than at any other time of our history.

We have many dedicated volunteer leaders who have ensured our church remained viable, vibrant and continued to grow. Our nomination ministry has worked diligently and continues to do so in an attempt to fill all volunteer leadership positions. We currently have an ad hoc team examining our organizational structure to help lead us into the future. We sincerely thank all our leaders, and their support teams, for their dedication and ingenuity during these challenging times - many have turned challenges into opportunities.

Our goal over the past few months, continuing this year, is to become more inclusive of all members of our faith community. We need people to step up and support our mission activities in an area in which they may have expertise, a passion or simply an interest. If you would like to assist, call anyone you know in the area you are offering to assist or call the church office at 905 668 3091 X 0. Tori will pass on your offer to the appropriate ministry.

You will note two names at the bottom of this report. The June 2020 virtual annual congregational meeting nominated two sequential council chairs for the ensuing church year, as a new council chair had not been identified.

We are fortunate to have staff leaders who stepped up and changed the way they usually deliver their responsibilities. Rev Patti Armstrong, our new appointed minister, quickly became an integral member of the team delivering virtual services, weekly messages, leading small group faith-based discussion groups and providing considerable support to the many ministries and their leaders. Our Sunday services have evolved and are very meaningful, relevant and professional for this moment in time.

Our staff has been strong, ensuring that even with our facilities closed we have been operating in a virtual mode: New News, many meetings, youth service, Tuesday chats, virtual services (frequently with more followers than we had in the sanctuary in 2019), an incredible online summer bible camp, music recorded safely from the sanctuary, many church repairs and upgrades completed and a host of other activities. This has ensured our faith has continued to be fed and the building will be ready for us when we are ready to return. We are actively exploring ideas for our future church; what will church look like after COVID-19 – in person and virtual?

Our Annual Congregational Meeting (scheduled for March) was delayed until late June, when we held the meeting virtually through Zoom with 76 people in attendance. Zoom became the technology that made it

possible for us to meet through our electronic devices and allowed us to see each other as we carried on with the many activities of our church.

As we write this, we are in a serious stay at home lockdown protocol.

*But...not everything is cancelled.....

- Sunshine is not cancelled
- Love is not cancelled
- Worship is not cancelled
- Relationships are not cancelled
- Acts of kindness are not cancelled
- Reading is not cancelled
- Naps are not cancelled
- Going for a walk is not cancelled
- Imagination is not cancelled
- Conversations are not cancelled
- **HOPE** is not cancelled

It is our **Hope** that as we enter 2021 with the momentum from the many existing and planned activities, St Mark's community of faith will rise to the challenge of our mission.

With much gratitude,

Nico, Council Chair July – October 2020

Peter, Council Chair October 2020– February 2021

**Adapted from "My positive Outlooks.com"*

Executive Council:

The chair/vice-chair/past chair of council, secretary of council, Trustee chair, chair of finance, Treasurer, Minister, Administrator (open position) meet weekly or biweekly, as required for discussion on current topics, to support church ministries and one another, and to discuss communications to our congregation.



REPORTING TO COUNCIL

COVID-19 Operations Planning Team:

Following the province's March 17th Public Health Emergency Order, St. Mark's closed its doors to all building users and suspended in-person worship. As the infection curve flattened throughout the spring, and the province began to allow various sectors to re-open, our church council felt that a plan would be required to safely resume operations at the church. During late May, a team was convened and they created a three-phase, step-by-step plan, outlining restrictions and cautious infection control protocols as then recommended by public health experts. The plan was approved by council in June. Throughout the summer, St. Mark's staff and volunteers implemented the various protocols - the church moved through to the final phase of the plan, which essentially allowed full usage of the building, including in-person worship with restricted numbers of attendees. A plan to resume in-person worship on September 27th unfortunately had to be delayed due to a second surge of COVID-19 infections in Whitby, as well as throughout the GTA. All other pre-pandemic activities essentially resumed in the church building with infection control protocols and restrictions to the number of attendees in the building in effect.

Since the mandate of the COVID-19 Planning Team had been completed, in December council decided to create a new COVID-19 Advisory Team, comprised of a cross-section of people from our congregation, to help guide St. Mark's through the remainder of the pandemic. On Boxing Day, the province ordered a province-wide shut down. Executive council determined the best immediate course of action was to once again shut the doors of the church to all, until further clarity could be determined and until the new COVID19 Advisory Team had a chance to recommend a path forward.

Respectfully submitted, Martin

COVID-19 Advisory Team:

The newly formed COVID team has started meeting.

Each participant brings relevant information and experience to this team.

Together we are discerning the best and safest ways forward during the pandemic and creating recommendations for council to consider. By following and adhering to public health and governmental standards, we discern what else is necessary for this community of faith to care diligently for the vulnerable and maintain viability for the church building and community of faith.

East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Report:

The year was a challenge for the ECORC team—putting a completely new administrative model in place and dealing with the disruption of Covid-19. No in person meetings could be held and the annual regional meeting was on-line only. No cluster meetings were scheduled (members of the old Presbytery) and this was unfortunate as these were a very valuable means of aiding the transition to the new governance model.

Contacts St. Mark's had with several of the new professional staff working at ECORC were valuable and these staff were knowledgeable and prompt in responding to our inquiries. Our current ministerial search team is benefitting from the guidance of an ECORC representative who is present at most of our on-line search meetings.

As ECORC extends from Pickering to Eastern Quebec, the use of Zoom and other on-line methods of communication may become the norm for future contacts and meetings. A monthly newsletter is available on-line and the ECORC website is available to all and is easy to navigate.

Respectfully submitted, Rod and Peter

Envisioning Church Structure:

A group of interested parties began a discussion with Rev Patti about the governance and structure of St. Mark's. As we adapt to an online virtual environment where we learn to gather and share in new and interesting ways, it was determined that we need to adapt our governance to support these changes. Through council, all committees were contacted, and the results of those conversations determined that many committees reported supported working with project-centred tasks, and some committees were agreeable to partnering. The group recognized that leadership needs renewal. We are examining options under our current structure to ensure we are sustaining current ministries and providing support for ministries in transition.

Our first task was to update our website under the Love. Serve. Grow. model. Our mission and ministry was developed under these three heading: how we show love? how we grow? and who we serve? These changes were promoted through our November community of faith project: Invite a friend to our website!

The group determined that the term committee no longer served our mission and suggested to council that the names be changed to ministries, with teams working under the ministries. Ie. Outreach Ministry and the lunch to go team. The council adopted this change and made the name official at the December council meeting.

The group recommended that Stewardship and Finance operate under one umbrella, the Stewardship Ministry. This recommendation is under discussion and the ministry is still evolving. The volunteers are working together to determine the best path forward.

The group is now working with the Administration ministry to review their mandate and establish this ministry with more of a focus on support for the church administrator staff position. Future meetings will be held with the Administration ministry volunteers to determine how to support their ministry.

Our mandate is to support the volunteers and assist them to evolve, so they can continue to carry out the mission and ministry of St. Mark's.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The 'year of vision' 2020 started with much the same planning and preparation as it did in past years. We started with the traditional committee activities of scheduling and monitoring, additionally anticipating that administrative paperwork and tasks would be completed and updated again this year. As this year quickly changed from in-person worship so did our mandate become unnecessary to develop and maintain the schedules for greeters, bulletin collation and the post Sunday service social time schedule. Although we had planned to continue to liaise with and support the office administrator this too was suspended with the restricted access of volunteers in the church. Therefore, our committee has not gathered during this time as much of our role has always been focusing on the planning and functions related to our in-church services. Without that, and other than the basket contribution, we have had little to contribute in our current role, which made meetings seem unnecessary. However, we would like to express our total admiration and most sincere appreciation to Tori Hazlett in her role as Administrator here at St Mark's as she has continued to keep things moving so smoothly during these changed times.

Moving forward, the Administration committee's status is being suspended during the restructure to the ministry/team approach. This review of this committee is being done as Tori has asked for assistance with several matters not clearly covered by any council ministry – for example, the management of our social media presence and questions regarding office operations due to COVID-19. A small group is looking into how such additional aspects to support Tori can be added to the responsibilities of Administration and potentially to other ministries. We trust this information of contemplated changes will be shared in the near future.

Respectfully Submitted by the Administration Committee



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Christian Education committee's mandate is to provide educational opportunities to the congregation in all stages of their faith journey from nursery, Sunday school, youth and family programs. Unfortunately, this year we were unable to host the special events that we have done in the past.

Sunday School:

In January, the Kidventure theme was GLOW (Shining the Light of Jesus). We did some really neat experiments and played with shadows and black lights as we learned about Jesus and how he spreads his light around the world. Then we participated in a goodbye to Rev Deb with some Dino Devotions in February. We were enjoying a Kidventure which had a cooking theme - "Ingredients for a Godly Life" when we were shut down due to COVID.

Since the pandemic hit in March this year, the young families of St. Mark's have been in contact only through email and a few personal phone calls or texts. Susan sends out messages to families including worksheets for the children and messages for parents, in order to stay in touch and provide some faith-based activity for the children of St. Mark's. In September, the church office (Tori) created a "Kids Church" link on the website, where families can go and find activities for their children. The activities and a message regarding the links are updated monthly.



Some children have participated in a few services, by sending videos to the worship team who built the services. For Advent this year, we did 4th Advent: Love. The children and youth all participated and sent in stories, clips and videos, as we put together a wonderful Advent service that was sent out December 20th. It was very well received.

Vacation Bible Camp:

Summer camp ran virtually this year. The theme this year was Fruit of the Spirit. Fun videos including songs, crafts, and activities were created weekly by our summer student, Emily. Crafts and activity bags were available for contactless pick-up in the church parking lot, and the camp videos were full of fun and well received. It is hard to know how many participated, but we enjoyed getting some videos back from a few participants showing their camp spirit.



Youth Report:

Even during the Covid-19 pandemic, the youth group has remained a close-knit group. Under the guidance of Meghan, the members look forward to weekly zoom meetings where they have meaningful conversations, play virtual games, and get a chance to have fun and be goofy with friends.

Nursery:

In the nursery on Sunday mornings, we had Lianne providing leadership and programming for toddlers. At the beginning of the year our nursery room was a busy place where we welcomed many young families.

Let's Talk Small Group Ministry:

The Let's Talk Group was formed in July of 2020 as an extension of the L.I.F.E. (living in faith every day) group. We met every two weeks on ZOOM. Together we have shared our opinions, our emotions and our faith on subjects chosen by the participants, in a secure, respectful environment.

Together we have grown in knowledge and faith by discussing-

What is a Jesus Community? What is a Church? Spirituality and Religion. Political correctness.

Together we have grown in love discussing-

Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID). People on the Margins of Society. Do animals have Souls? Disparity in Canada. COVID deaths.

As a group this whole experience has offered each of us opportunities to grow in ways that have changed and enriched our lives and our faith. It has been our privilege to have Rev. Patti 's guidance.

Respectfully submitted by The Let's Talk Group



SCOUTING REPORT

4th Whitby

This Scouting year has been about adapting, new relationships, and keeping safe.

Scouting has been affiliated with St. Mark's since 1955 and we continue to provide programs for young people (aged 5 to 26) to help develop well-rounded youth who are better prepared for success in the world. This year due to COVID there have been no indoor programs. Instead, our Beaver Colony, Cub Pack, and Scout Troop are enjoying weekly outdoor meetings, taking advantage of Saturdays for activities, with lots of protocol in place to keep all of our members and their families safe! Unfortunately, there will be no Baden Powell birthday celebrations this February. It may be one of the few years there will be no church parade and banquet.

This year instead of selling our famous popcorn, Scouts Canada and Equator Coffee Roasters teamed up with a fundraiser to offer some really, truly good coffee. The fundraiser provided a contact-less ONLINE system.

A big challenge has been retaining and growing membership. This year membership was significantly impacted. To ensure we were able to continue with a successful year we opted to link with another scouting unit. Strength in numbers! And next September we are hopeful to be able to recruit new members - both youth and volunteers. As always, we thank the church and their membership for the continued support.

4th Whitby Beavers:

We have been Busy Beavers!

Our meetings were outside every week, from September-December. The children-built snowmen, learned about healthy eating, while making fruit yogurt sundaes, made pumpkin centrepieces for Thanksgiving, and visited the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. We went on nature walks, and learned all about the trees, flowers, and insects. The youth painted poppies on stones and placed them on the Cenotaph in remembrance of all the soldiers. We also painted ceramic Christmas ornaments to hang on our Christmas trees.

For January, we have virtual meetings, building with Lego, and sharing their favourite Christmas gifts. For February, we will be virtually visiting the Turtle Sanctuary and Ripley's Aquarium. The children will also be making bird feeders and building Beaver buggies.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy new year!

Your Beaver Leadership Team

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Facilities Management Committee's primary function is to serve the congregation by ensuring that our property, buildings, and associated equipment are maintained in a safe and serviceable condition to provide an appropriate facility for the needs of the congregation.

As always, we are grateful for the assistance of our staff members including Tori and Jim, together with David and others who bring issues to our attention and ably help with their resolution. Despite the challenges related to COVID-19 this year, several projects have been undertaken and completed, and progress made on those items that are longer term in nature.

The following items are representative of those projects:

For Church House:

- *Replacement of the church house roof*
- *Replacement of windows to provide better ventilation and functionality*
- *Encasement of the front porch with composite decking, matting and the addition of handrails*
- *Pointing of brickwork*



For Church:

- *Installation of snow stops on the church roof*
- *Inspection of boiler*
- *Pointing of brickwork*
- *Inspections by both Fire Dept. and Insurance provider*

Membership

During 2020, the following three members decided to resign from the committee after years of service: Denek, Barbara and David. We thank each of them for their years of service and contributions as they continue to serve our congregation in various other capacities. As the year ended, we welcomed the following two new members to the committee: Ada and Erwin, and the return of two former members: Hazel and Clare. We thank each of them for volunteering and we look forward to working with them.

Submitted by Facilities Management.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Finance Committee meets six times a year to review financial statements, identify patterns, support our treasurer and ensure the appropriate stewardship of our financial resources.

Financial reports and review are appended to this report. Our 2020 financial story appears very prosperous, as we show a surplus of \$43k. We sincerely thank members of our faith community for their generosity in these “out of church times”. It is a tribute to the congregation that donations of \$208k were very strong, considering the circumstances. We are thankful to have been recipients of Canada Emergency funding of over \$65k. These programs helped us continue to provide the many ministries, pay staff and maintain our building. The surplus will carry into 2021 as we believe once our sanctuary re-opens and emergency funding is terminated, we will require these funds to help as we rebuild to our pre COVID-19 operation.

This was an exceptional year in many ways. Many of the normal activities which generate fun and funds were impossible in their normal form. The UCW innovated and with several virtual activities maintained strong financial support. Thank you.

Our committee kept a vigilant eye on the church finances and processes. A special mention to Nico who not only did his usual fine job paying bills and maintaining our books, but also applied for and managed several Canada Emergency support programs, which were so important to help keep us in a positive cash flow. Donations, while generous, have fallen over the years. This year total donations are down, but we feel very strong congregational support during this unusual time.

	General	Mission & Service
2020	208,409	17,499
2019	229,719	31,500
2018	242,963	35,000
2017	237,694	33,291
2016	238,732	33,831

We thank all the counters and recorders for their support throughout the year, with a special shout out to Tori Hazlett as our envelope secretary, who keeps all our donations recorded and balanced.

We are grateful to once again have had our financial records reviewed by Tom Anderson. We appreciate his professional opinion. As a church, we are required to have our books reviewed, but not audited.

As a part of the council structure review to refocus our council we are examining the synergy between the mandates of Finance with Stewardship. It is an interesting proposition and with an imaginative approach, we believe both groups can be stronger. We continue to discuss approaches. Thank you for your generous personal and financial support of St. Mark's.

Submitted by Finance Committee

ENVELOPE TREASURER

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<u>Donors:</u>						
Using Regular Wkly Offering Envelopes*	79	115	107	122	127	129
PAR Contributors*	55	61	59	58	57	61
Monthly and Annual Contributors*	118	103	88	136	68	97
<i>* All Funds</i>						
<u>Total Contributors to Congregational and M&S:</u>	193	228	262	256	274	276
<u>Donors to In Memoriam Fund Only:</u>	30*	33	10	12	25	61
<i>*includes Canada Helps</i>						

Total for Year:

All Contributors to Congregational & M&S Fund	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
\$1 – 49	10	36	36	26	28	33
\$50 – 199	26	47	38	33	35	35
\$200 – 499	45	41	48	54	58	52
\$500 – 999	37	44	55	56	60	64
\$1,000 – 1,999	47	65	64	60	57	60
\$2,000 – 2,999	17	21	24	18	14	18
\$3,000 - \$4,999	7	11	12	10	13	12
Over \$5,000	4	6	7	7	8	4
Total Contributors	193	271	284	264	273	278



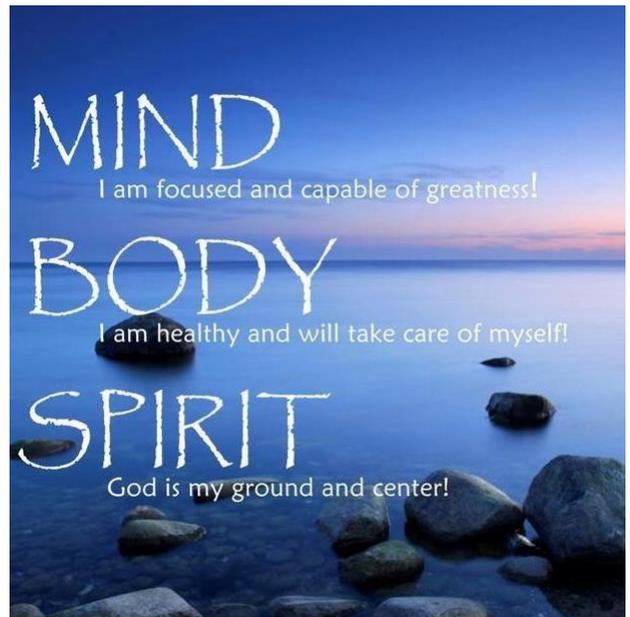
HEALTH & WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Our committee has a very supportive group of members. They are always willing to assist in our ministry.

In 2020, ICHM (Interchurch Health Ministries Canada) was undergoing some changes in its structure and organization and member congregations were asked to consider how we could best be a part of these changes and support their efforts to continue this ministry. We had lengthy discussions within our committee and decided that we would no longer take out a membership. This decision was not taken lightly but we felt it was best for St. Mark's at this time.

In March, we arranged for the annual AED and CPR session presented by Link to Life. We had 10 people register and attend. This turned out to be the last time we would be able to offer in-person activities with our members as the COVID-19 pandemic struck in March and forced us to make changes. Our April education event speaker, Dr. Eric Tseng, was going to speak about thrombosis, and his presentation was put on hold. In December, five of our committee members acted as hosts for five scheduled times giving members of the congregation an opportunity to spend some time in the sanctuary. These visits were offered as a time of peace and reflection in a place of comfort with beautiful décor, music and projected pictures. Of course, all COVID-19 protocols were observed. I would like to thank the members of the committee for their willingness to help when asked and for offering support during this unusual and difficult year.

Respectfully submitted, Council Representative



Christian Meditation

St Mark's has provided space in the sanctuary for a weekly meditation group for many years. This is a small group of faithful members who have used the time and space to meditate and learn the "path of silence". In 2020, they met each Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. until the sanctuary was closed in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Submitted by Facilitator

Therapeutic Touch Report

Distant TT clinic – TT energies are not limited by time or distance, so it can be sent from the practitioner's home to the clinic participant's home – this is distant TT.

It is rather amazing and it really does work! Some participant responses were *"I really need this", "Just in time", "Was waiting to hear. So glad you are still doing this". "Your efforts are having a very positive effect."*

Many participants enjoy the **flexibility** that the "parked" sessions offer them. You do not have to be available to receive the session at 1pm on Tuesday. When it is convenient for you to receive your session, (some like to wait until they are going to bed or even receive it on another day) you just follow the same procedures at the time you choose and say that you are ready to receive the TT session that was parked for you.

Practitioners contacted participants who attended the clinic over the past year to invite them to the new distant TT clinic format which began in April. Our monthly TT clinics continued without any stoppage! The distant clinics are very well received, and the regulars look forward to receiving TT every month. Attendance is comparable to in person clinics.

TT Branch meeting – We are so pleased that Rev. Patti is passionate about TT and has joined our branch. In April, our dedicated branch practitioners transitioned to connecting via Zoom and remotely. We continue to hold monthly meetings to give and receive TT sessions and learn more about offering distant TT.

Congratulations to Linda Burke for obtaining her TTNO Recognized Practitioner status. We are thrilled that Linda has agreed to step into a group co-leader role.

Community events:

Therapeutic Touch Awareness Week –TT Works for Health and Self-Care presentations on May 11 at OSCC 55+ via Zoom and May 13 at Whitby 55+ via phone

Oshawa Seniors Community Center – Zoom session June 17.

Whitby 55+ Recreation Services - July 14 (Zoom) and Oct. 1 (phone) sessions.

Lynn offered a 6-week TT for Self-Care series on Zoom with enthusiastic feedback. Other regular community events and Lynn's biweekly TT sessions to Hearth Place Cancer Support Center members are on hold at this time.

Submitted by Lynn & Linda – Co-facilitators



FOOTPRINTS4Autism

The focus of 2020 was health, safety and resilience. FOOTPRINTS acknowledges the brave and dedicated individuals that serve our community. Our prayers and thoughts go to the many families that have lost loved ones and those still struggling as a result of the pandemic.



FOOTPRINTS is profoundly grateful and thankful to our church families for their continued support and faith in our programs. On behalf of the children and families we support, our dedicated team, committed volunteers and supportive Steering Committee – *thank you for supporting us throughout the challenges of 2020!*

The year began as usual. Our team was excited to see the return of families and volunteers and welcomed those new to our programs. The children and youth chatted about their holidays, played games and enjoyed crafts. A family provided pop-up forts for a session that was a huge hit with the children.

The pandemic closed all programs in March. Individuals on the Autism Spectrum Disorder rely on a routine and our programs provide a supportive and safe environment to 'just be'; and it allows families precious time to do other things. The disruption has exacerbated situations and respite is vital to the quality of their lives.

In the following months, our team stayed connected with families and volunteers. A survey was sent to inform them of new health and safety policies and procedures; it provided a platform to ask questions and voice concerns; and we received valuable information on how to better support their needs. Most families and volunteers were ready to return. However, the fluid situation of Covid19 left uncertainties with some volunteers and they did not return.

"Happy to hear Footprints will be re-opening soon!"- Respite family

FOOTPRINTS re-opened in November at St. Mark's United Church with Respite on Saturdays and Together We Hang Youth program on Mondays. Prior to the second shutdown in December, an afternoon respite program was introduced in Whitby for the first time and will continue. Unfortunately, all school break camps were cancelled. Dunbarton-Fairport United Church and Whitby Central Library remained closed.

FOOTPRINTS provided 15 weeks of programs to 20 families and our volunteers had 1460 hours of program support. Our team continues to monitor the pandemic and align with best practices.

Our team grew with the promotion of Shayan Taban and Katherine Jung, both volunteers with the respite program. Shayan and Katherine work closely with families to support a positive experience for their children and mentor volunteers. Michele Finney expanded her role to Volunteer Services Consultant and Krista Dunlop joined the Steering Committee. We also said goodbye to Ahmed Hafez, Nicole Bowman, Lauren Irwin, Fatimah Mojtahedy and Saber Kaur.

We received generous donations from individuals and community organizations. Our donors include Pickering Delta Bingo Centre, Dunbarton-Fairport United Church, St. Mark's United Church, Unity for Autism, United Way Durham Region, Harry E. Foster Foundation, Durham Community Foundation, Mackenzie Investments, Andrew Foundation, and more. We thank our donors for recognizing and acknowledging the value that our programs provide to our community! Our programs have been able to continue during these

challenging times through the support of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). Thank you to the Government of Canada, Community Foundations of Canada, our local Durham Community Foundation and United Way Durham Region!



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2020, we have once again benefitted greatly from a very dedicated staff team that offers leadership to our St. Mark's congregation. The staff is commended for providing spiritual support to our church family, and to the community at large. As a committee, we endeavour to work closely with staff to ensure their wellbeing. We maintain a balanced approach with monitoring and reporting as we liaise with staff members and conduct an annual review process.

On February 9th, Rev Deb Foster delivered her last service at St. Mark's. We all thanked Rev Deb for her faithful leadership in a social gathering after the service. In early March, we welcomed Rev Patti Armstrong to our community of faith. She was able to provide two Sundays of worship services before we closed the church due to COVID-19 orders from the province. Throughout the remainder of 2020, Rev Patti shared her caring, faithful reflections and current concerns about God's world. In addition, Rev Patti has contributed to facilitating many church teams in a skillful manner. This past year has been very unusual for all of us, and particularly for our staff. We were very thankful to have been able to maintain employment of all our staff during this challenging time.

Last March, we were pleased to find that Tori recovered nicely from knee replacement surgery and was able to resume full time responsibilities in April. Jim has diligently kept our church building disinfected, implementing our COVID-19 operations plan protocols. This year we were happy to congratulate Susan for her ten years of service with our St. Mark's family. Susan always brings energy, creativity and a wonderful presence to all her work. Henry continues to share his wonderful gifts of music for our church through weekly recordings. Meghan has held regular Zoom meetings with the youth and assisted with producing several videos for bible camp and for some worship services.

This past summer, we once again participated in the Canada Summer Jobs' experience for an 8-week period. We were delighted to welcome two university students, Emily and Josephine, for Children's Program Assistant and for Administrative and Archive Support. We were fortunate to have these two young people join us at St. Mark's. They were very competent in completing their tasks, particularly in the on-line summer camp experiences.

At year-end, we were so thrilled to experience choral services, a children's/youth service and a special Christmas Eve service – to all staff and volunteers, we thank you and congratulate you for your involvement. Please know that we not only support our staff, but also welcome positive comments and concerns from the congregation regarding personnel issues. Moving forward, feel free to contact any of the committee members should you have questions about our work.

Respectfully submitted by Chair, Ministry & Personnel

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Our association with St Andrew's Presbyterian church's community outreach program is ongoing and even though our reverse offering stopped after February, members of our congregation financially supported their program throughout the year and donated food and household items as well. St Andrew's program went from a biweekly program on Friday afternoons for 2 hours, pre COVID-19, to every Friday program all day serving some 450 people per month. Donations were also given to their backpack project, which saw 207 backpacks given out to the delight of children and parents.

Our committee supported the community lunch table held at our church for January and February. Starting in June a weekly bag lunch project began with soup, sandwich, fruit and treat being handed out at the west door, with drive through at the south door and if needed, delivered to those who couldn't come out. The month of August was taken off, but the project resumed in September and proved to be much appreciated by those who received a lunch. On average close to 60 lunches were handed out each week and any excess was taken to Durham Dignity for the Homeless, a program in Oshawa. As our Christmas Day lunch could not be held this year, a turkey lunch with all the trimmings was prepared and distributed on Wednesday, December 23rd to 120 people. Much thanks to John and Nancy for cooking 7 turkeys. Throughout the running of the Bag Lunch Project there were many volunteers who worked every Tuesday and Wednesday cooking, preparing, distributing and delivering lunches. The Outreach Committee wishes to thank all those who gave of their time to ensure the success of this project.



Once again, the Christmas Hamper Program was a huge success with the financial support of the congregation, the Rotary Club of Whitby, and community donations. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, instead of hampers of food, clothing and toys, gift cards were purchased, and we were able to support 107 families. Many thanks to the organizers Anne, Linda, Martin, Peter and Rob and all those who contributed their time to make the program a success.

Our committee donated a basket to the UCW Bazaar. Our church maintains a food cupboard for those individuals in need. Gift cards and bus tickets may also be given out to people in need.

This has been a very stressful year and trying to make a difference in the community has been difficult, but the Bag Lunch Project and Christmas Hamper Program were two successful community initiatives that the congregation of St. Mark's should be proud of.

Respectfully submitted by Co-chairs

Hamper Project 2020:

This year, the hamper team decided to follow the lead of other local churches, in part due to concerns with COVID-19 infections, and provide only gift cards for Christmas hampers, with delivery by curbside pick-up. The team almost doubled the number of families to receive a hamper this year, from 66 to 100. Guidelines and fund-raising goals were developed and communicated to our congregation and to past donors. The team faced several challenges this year; notably, we only received half of the requested number of families from the local organizer of the hampers program. This resulted in offering hampers to families associated with St. Andrew’s Presbyterian church’s food bank. We also experienced delivery delays for one set of gift cards, which resulted in having to hold two separate pick-up days.

In total, the hamper program supported 106 families this year, which resulted in 160 children and 209 teens/adults receiving gift cards in time for Christmas. The fund-raising goal was significantly exceeded, and this resulted in being able to provide a more generous hamper than was first envisioned – a welcomed outcome.

<u>Hampers 2020 Financial Statement</u>			
<u>Receipts</u>			
2019 carry forward	\$ 3,095.73		
Nov	\$ 9,738.00		
Dec	\$ 10,906.00		
Total	\$ 23,739.73	→	\$ 23,739.73
<u>Expenses</u>			
Gift Card purchases			
Presidents Choice	\$ 11,082.50		
Walmart	\$ 9,642.50		
Tim Horton's	\$ 680.00		
FreshCo	\$ 500.00		
Sub-total	\$ 21,905.00		
Christmas Cards	\$ 55.88		
Canada Helps fees	\$ 42.27		
Total	\$ 22,003.15	→	\$ 22,003.15
Surplus (Deficit)			\$ 1,736.58



Parkinson Society Central and Northern Ontario - Durham Region Chapter

Due to the COVID -19 pandemic all Parkinson's events and meetings in 2020 were suspended.

Linda, President - Chapter Phone: 905-622-7878

Knitwits

Properly practiced, knitting soothes the troubled spirit, and it doesn't hurt the untroubled spirit either.

Elizabeth Zimmerman

The Knitwits have gathered Thursday evenings in the parlour at St. Mark's for 12 years. The pandemic slowed us down for a minute, but we adapted and in early April we started meeting on ZOOM, Thursday nights at 7:30 pm. Our gatherings are chaotic, as we all talk at once and share stories and projects. Most noticeably, we are now able to re-connect with those that had moved afar and could no longer join us in the parlour.... now they join us on ZOOM. A definite advantage to our new way of gathering! Our knitters have been busy this year, creating over 1000 ear mask extenders, premie beanies for Lakeridge Health Care NICU's, lap robes and chemo sleeves for oncology units, hats for the homeless and crate blankets for local animal shelters. These weekly connections have kept us knitting, laughing, sharing and talking, right through the days, weeks and months of isolation and concerns, and for that we are truly thankful!

Milk-Bag Mat Project:

Our Volunteers are Val, Janice, Cathy, Marie, Wendy, Cathy, Graeme, Karen, Marie, Greta, Doris, Nancy, Marianna, Michlynn, Susan, Carol, Suzanne, and Craig. Except for a few gatherings, our Milk Bag Mats group was shut down for the year. We'll see what 2021 brings.

The St. Mark's Men started off the year with 20 men and friends attending an Oshawa Generals hockey game on January 31. It was a great night out especially since the Generals won the game. Many of the group enjoyed a pre-game warm-up dinner at Prospects Bar & Grill at the Tribute Communities Centre beforehand. Thank you to Rob Smith for organizing the evening. Lastly, the St. Mark's Men created a gift basket with a "Sports Night" theme, for the UCW Bazaar held in October. The Men's Group, as was the case no doubt with many others, has not been able to physically meet since the March 18th province-wide shut-down, due to the ongoing novel coronavirus pandemic.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of St. Mark's Men.

St. Mark's Players

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Players were unable to present any productions in 2020. Susan, who for many years has presented her wonderful one-woman shows during the spring season, had planned to present "Woman Before a Glass" in May of 2020. Susan has suspended her presentation, likely until the spring of 2022. The St. Mark's Musical Players, in January of 2020, had begun rehearsals to reprise "Scrooge's Tale", but as of early March, due to COVID-19, rehearsals had to be cancelled and we were unable to present "The Tale" in November 2020, as planned.

Submitted by St. Mark's players

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

The first Pastoral Care meeting of 2020 was held on Monday, January 27. A decision was made at that meeting to host a 'Welcome Spring' potluck luncheon on Sunday, April 19, following the service (the first Sunday after Easter). The date of Sunday, May 3, was chosen for the annual afternoon Communion Service and Luncheon. As a result of the pandemic, both events had to be cancelled.

Betty, Sue and Liz met with Reverend Deb in January to discuss a tracking system. The decision was made that going forward, Betty and Sue would work together to keep track of members with pastoral needs, and communicate every two weeks, or as necessary.

Ten student care packages for our young people attending post-secondary institutions were prepared in mid-February. The packages included a handwritten note from committee members, Valentines from the Sunday School children, a small package of kleenex, some candy and a \$10.00 Tim Horton's card.

In early April, following the pandemic lockdown and subsequent church closure, a phoning team of ten individuals was formed. Church members and adherents were called every few weeks to keep them informed of the necessary protocols surrounding St. Mark's, as the province went from the lockdown stage to slowly reopening, and eventually back into lockdown. In addition to providing information, the phone calls were a means of reaching out to our church family in friendship; inquiring as to how they were coping and if they needed assistance. I would like to thank the callers who have given so generously of their time reaching out to members and adherents throughout the pandemic. It is truly appreciated!

Pastoral Care held their first Zoom meeting on November 4, and again on December 9.

Cards for Caring Ministry - Betty

Betty sent 55 birthday cards to those over seventy years of age. Seventy cards were mailed at Easter. In addition, get well and thinking of you cards were sent to individuals, along with sympathy cards. A Christmas mailing of 65 to 70 cards went out in early December. Betty provides an important ministry that is very much appreciated by the recipients.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Ten prayer shawls were distributed throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by Susan, Chair



Prayer Chain

As with all St. Mark's ministries, the pandemic has changed the methods of communication. For most of 2020, the Prayer Chain members have used phone meetings to communicate. The first Zoom meeting was held on December 2, 2020. Most of the prayer requests go to Tori in the church office; some come from individual church members, and Reverend Patti. In order to improve communication, Liz represents the Prayer Chain at the Pastoral Care Ministry meetings. I wish to thank all the members of the Prayer Chain, Tori and Patti for their dedication, their prayers and guidance to all of us.

Respectfully submitted by Liz, Coordinator

Audio Ministry

The past function of the Audio Ministry was to record the weekly worship service and create copies of the service to provide to individuals who are unable to attend church. The service was copied on to CDs, which were then distributed by a team of volunteers. This all changed with the beginning of the pandemic, which resulted in the closure of this ministry for most of 2020.

In November, the Audio Ministry was able to resume. This was made possible primarily by Martin and Tori, who implemented a phone-in format of the Audio Ministry, which enables callers to listen to the weekly service on a recorded message. Martin continues to co-ordinate this program on a weekly basis to ensure the recording is available to callers. This service is designed to appeal to all congregation members with a key focus on those not accustomed to or having access to internet services. A newsletter highlighting the return of the Audio Ministry and the phone in procedures was prepared by Tori and mailed to over 50 members without internet access. A copy of this newsletter was also included in the New News.

Thank you to Martin and Tori and all the technical crew for your contributions. The Audio Ministry in its revised format allows many members of the congregation the opportunity to retain contact with St. Mark's during these awkward and difficult times. The pandemic will most likely remain a challenge in 2021. The Audio Ministry Team will continue to blend old and new technology in the form of a recorded message, so we can continue to move forward with this ministry in a positive and hopeful way.

Respectfully submitted by Paul, Coordinator

St. Mark's Audio Ministry
Dial: 905-493-7625



2020 Membership Statistics

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Mark's did not hold in person worship from March 15 - December 31, 2020. All onsite weddings were cancelled or postponed, until a later date.

St. Mark's did not transfer or amend any memberships this year.

Furthermore, we did not hold services for: profession of faith, child and adult baptism or confirmation during this period.

2020 MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Infant Baptisms	1	6	0	7	6	5
Marriages	1	2	1	4	1	1
Funerals/Memorial Services	2*	5	10	11	11	13
Average Attendance at Sunday Service (Oct./Nov.)	127**	151	132	134	135	143
Households Under Pastoral Care	307	310	307	315	322	334
Number of Sunday School Teachers	2	10	12	10	12	11
Number of Children/Youth Registered	35	55	52	56	26	32

* Two funeral services held onsite; all other services postponed until further notice.

**Online services, average based on views of each service during the same period.

2020 Membership Statistics

	<u>Adherents</u>	<u>Members</u>
Active as at January 1, 2020	137	284
Members Removed: Death		-11
Members with changed status		-21
Total Active as at December 31, 2020	122	252
Members: Inactive		127
Non-Residents families		20
		399

***"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me.***

John 14: 1-2

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship is everything we think, say, and do after we say, "I believe"!



The Stewardship ministry serves the church by informing the congregation about best practices regarding the following:

- Givings for the on-going mission and ministry of our church community. To encourage a spirit of generosity.
- Mission and service initiatives both within our community and outside: within Canada and internationally.
- Fostering our discipleship within our church by working in a cooperative and collaborative manner with the other ministries to share how they all contribute to life and vitality of the St. Mark's faith community.

Included is a paragraph from the United Church website regarding stewardship, which I feel encapsulates what stewardship means to our faith community.

"Generosity is a hallmark for followers of Jesus. Sharing freely from the talents, time and resources that God has given us, we help to do God's mission.

In order to nurture spiritual growth and develop good stewards, a community of faith needs to regularly invite followers of Jesus to intentionally and prayerfully consider growing in generosity."

2020 was a quite year for Stewardship, as the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly curtailed activities for many of us at St. Mark's. Our ministry did not meet during 2020. Currently, there are no active members besides me.

Submitted by David

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Board of Trustees met three times in 2020, all via ZOOM.

With the Finance committee and supporting the role of the Facilities Management committee, the Trustees continued to lead the relationship with the tenants of the church house, the Durham Montessori School and Daycare. The church house saw some major renovations in 2020 - the restoration of the front porch deck and railing; the replacement of five single-hung windows and the complete replacement of the roof shingles. Through the financial support initiative provided by the Government of Canada during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the congregation and the DMSD were able to partner to continue during 2020.

The Facilities Management committee made several reports of their discussions and considerations for the church properties during the year - some brick pointing on the church was completed and the rebuilding of the property line stone wall, postponed. An updated assets report prepared in 2019, was accepted by Trustees in 2020 - some assets then sold/disposed.

The long saga of St. Mark's relationship with the town over the Almonds United Church property taxation and valuation took a new direction in 2020. At the regular December 2020 meeting of council a motion was agreed unanimously that "the council of St. Mark's United Church, Whitby instructs the board of Trustees to make application to The United Church of Canada to sell the Almonds United Church property site".

Acting on an opportunity recognized during a UCC finance webinar during 2020, at the regular December meeting of Council a motion was agreed unanimously that "the council of St. Mark's United Church, Whitby instructs the board of Trustees to make application to The United Church of Canada to remove the restrictions on funds held in trust".

The Trustees are responsible for the proper and adequate insuring of the church properties and for the liability of the church as a public institution. In 2020, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company made their once every-five-years site inspection of the church and the church house - for adjustment of valuation and to assess any risks. From the engineer's report, there is a recommendation for enhanced video surveillance that will be prioritized in 2021.

The statement of funds held in trust is reported elsewhere in the 2020 Annual Report. Of note in 2020, the Trustees did advance a loan of \$20,000. to the general fund in the first half of the year. Harry continued his role through 2020 of managing the funds' investments on behalf of the Board of Trustees, a service that he will transition away from in 2021.

The Board accepted the resignation of Judy as a Trustee at year-end. The Trustees are indebted to Judy for her long service on the board and of her many roles within St. Mark's United Church family over the decades. At the December meeting of the Trustees, Linda was elected as chair and Rod as vice chair, succeeding David and Sandy respectively.

David, for the Board of Trustees

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

UCW Executive 2020

Co-Presidents	Gail, Roberta
Vice President	Cathie
Past President	Carol
Secretary	Linda
Treasurer	Barbara
Reception Convener	Pat
Presbyterial Rep.	Sandra

Unit Leaders:

New Horizons	Nancy & Barb
Open Door	Ada & Robin
Coffee Club	Betty



St. Mark's UCW has had a year of new and inventive ways of doing things. We started out full of great expectations, to be hit within a couple of months with a feeling of unease and not knowing what to expect. Our church closed, our connections to each other were getting farther apart. If we're being honest, we were all a bit nervous about our future. Then, church family that we are, everyone reached out to one another. There have been phone calls, zoom meetings and get togethers in backyards and parks. (social distancing of course) As they say, the rest is history.

In January, the ladies with the help of Rev. Deb organized and participated in our annual UCW Sunday to start off our year. The No-Bake Bake Sale during the month of February with Elaine Reid as convener, was



very successful. It replenishes our funds at the start of the year. The Auction was a huge success with convener, Pat who was assisted by Shelly and Tori. This year it had a new twist as 10 items were auctioned off each week, for 13 weeks on Facebook and in the New News. In September, Sandra organized a Golf Tournament for 17 ladies at Hawthorne Valley Golf Club. A fun time was had by all!

The Fall Bazaar was virtual this year, led by convener, Roberta. The team of Barbara, Pat, Shelly, Tori and Gail auctioned off 14 baskets over a 3-week period. The Open-Door Unit sold jam, jelly, Thanksgiving and Halloween crafts. The New Horizons unit sold Christmas baking. Anniversary Sunday in November was celebrated by sending cards to numerous members of St. Mark's who needed some cheering up, or who are in our 90+ club. Our fundraising efforts raised a total of \$8530.00 in 2020. We donated \$6972.00 to St. Mark's General Fund, and \$6000.00 to St. Mark's Mission and Service commitment. We truly appreciate the support of the congregation to make these fundraising events successful.

Respectfully submitted by Gail and Roberta, Co - Presidents UCW



St. Mark's Quilters

This is a small group of women that meets on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 am to noon in the "Stage Room". It is associated with the UCW and had its start in the late 1970s as an interest group from the Mary Martha Unit. It soon became an Outreach group as women from outside St. Mark's became interested in joining us.

We offered the service of turning a finished quilt top into a complete quilt by putting the quilt top together with a filler (called a batt) and a backing fabric, and hand stitching the three layers with small stitches in patterns that enhance the beauty of the designs on the top.

In the forty-plus years that the group has existed, we have completed over 400 quilts, ranging from crib-size to king-size. We have contributed approximately \$45,000 to the work of the U.C.W. This total does not include the proceeds from the Quilt Shows, which are a joint project with the U.C.W.

Advances in technology have developed computerized "long-arm" sewing machines which do the same process in a much shorter time. Many people prefer this method. As a result, there is less demand for hand quilting and fewer quilting groups, such as ours, still exist.

We have continued because we love what we do, even though we often wonder where our projects will come from. We have become good friends and a support group to one another. We share a lot of laughs and always share a cup of coffee and treats during our mornings together.

When we had to shut down in March 2020, we had two quilts very close to completion and one more ready to start. We will carry on again when we can. We are always happy to have visitors, and to welcome new members.



Co-conveners: Joan and Betty

WORSHIP AND MUSIC REPORT

In January, the Worship & Music Committee members were busy planning Rev. Deb Foster's February 15th farewell event, as she had accepted a call to Dunbarton-Fairport United Church beginning March 1st. The event began in the sanctuary and continued with a reception in the upper hall. Carolyn Johnston and Ruth Olley, our Lay Licensed Worship Leaders, covered the services on February 22nd and March 1st. Rev Patti, our appointed minister, began her time with us on March 8th.

As a result of the health emergency declared in Ontario due to the novel coronavirus pandemic, our church closed its doors to in-person worship following the service on Sunday, March 15th. Two weeks later, on March 29th, we began to offer Sunday worship on-line using past recordings of our choirs, and videos recorded by Rev. Patti for prayers, scripture readings, and reflections. The video recordings and clips containing music and all the spoken segments are combined using a video editor and uploaded each week onto the church's YouTube channel for broadcast to the congregation and beyond. Our on-line worship continued for the remainder of the year, and experienced an average of 127 viewers each week, approximately the same as weekly attendance would be in the sanctuary during normal times.

The December 13th Choral service had the highest number of viewers at 353, followed closely by the Children's and Youth service on December 20th which had 342 viewers. The Choral service featured both choirs singing for the first time since before the shutdown – choristers were recorded individually, and their voices were then combined to create a "virtual" choir. Instrumental music for our on-line services began to be recorded live in the sanctuary starting in the summer, with most of the prayers, readings and reflections recorded from home or in the sanctuary by various members of our congregation. Two services (October 4th and November 29th) were recorded in their entirety in the sanctuary as members of the congregation indicated they liked to see services offered from there occasionally.

Rev. Patti sent spiritual messages on weekdays to keep us all connected.

In May, Carolyn informed St. Mark's Council that she did not wish to have her Lay Worship Leader license renewed. Carolyn had served St. Mark's and other churches in Lakeridge Presbytery for over 17 years. We were glad to welcome her as a member of the Worship and Music Committee. Zoom Worship and Music committee meetings were held. The Online Worship Team members joined our group in November. Thanks to all members for the work done in 2020.

The online worship team is looking forward to working with Rev. Patti for the next several months. The committee members have discussed how we can offer better Sunday services.

Respectfully submitted.

Chancel Choir Report

March 12, 2020 was the date of the Chancel Choir's last practice.

Easter was coming up quickly and the practice focused on Lenten music, special pieces for Holy Week and a joyous Easter Sunday anthem. Everyone remembers March 13—we closed, and on March 17 went into a major lockdown. Through the past months the choir has stayed connected and supported each other. Some of us were able to join with the Mixed Blessings choir and present a virtual choral service. We contributed to the bazaar baskets and as individuals to the Christmas hamper fund.

Several of our members passed away during 2020. The memories of Marion, Milton, Elinor and Mary will be cherished forever. Stan, tenor, has decided to retire and April, soprano, has taken an early retirement and moved on to her next adventure. We will miss the friendship of all these people and the pleasure of joining with them in song.

We thank Rev. Patti who was “a stranger in our midst” and has managed to make us all feel part of a virtual St. Mark's and has become a dear friend. As always, we are grateful to Henry for his guidance, his sense of humour and the music he provides each Sunday. Kudos to Martin and his team for making our Sunday services possible. It will be a glorious day when once again the Chancel Choir is able to occupy the loft and sing with the congregation.



Submitted by Mary

Choirs December 2019

Mixed Blessings Report

Mixed Blessings Choir, along with director Dorothy, and pianist/composer Bill, deeply missed our practices and numerous singing events during 2020. Many members of Mixed Blessings were gearing up to take part in the St. Mark's Musical Players annual stage production of 'Scrooge's Tale' – one of our favourites. Unfortunately, the play was cancelled due to Covid-19.

During the Christmas season, several members of Mixed Blessings tackled the technology needed to record their voices for a virtual choral service. Although very different, the finished product was amazing, and much appreciated by all who were missing the usual Christmas services.

We were unable to do our annual door-to-door Christmas caroling for seniors this year.

'Mother Hen' Dorothy keeps in touch with the choir by email to make sure we are coping with these strange circumstances. We are all marking the days until we can be together and SING once more!

Respectfully submitted, Pat, Secretary

Schedule 1: St. Mark's United Church – Income Statement General Fund Y/E Dec. 31/20

	Actual	Budget	Actual
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Envelopes-General	\$ 118,836	\$ 130,000	\$ 132,566
PAR -General	88,035	96,000	94,354
Total - General	206,871	226,000	226,920
Loose Offerings	698	2,800	2,799
Building Use	7,383	10,000	10,452
St. Mark's Players	197	10,000	8,216
UCW Contributions	6,892	7,500	11,333
Vacation Bible Camp	-	3,000	3,202
Christmas Hampers	20,644	7,000	8,108
Church House Rent	23,496	38,496	38,496
Investment Income	4,857	4,857	6,071
Transfer from Des Fund	16,887	10,000	9,756
Refund for Students	7,462	7,500	10,235
Special Fund Raising	2,631	7,120	6,965
Youth & Sunday School	295	1,500	1,446
Flowers	-	1,000	1,057
Receipt from CEWS & CECRA	65,393	-	
Misc.	5,944	1,600	2,375
Total Receipts	\$ 369,650	\$ 338,373	\$ 347,431
<u>Disbursements</u>			
Payroll	\$ 207,434	\$ 225,249	\$ 225,707
Christmas Hampers	20,644	7,000	8,108
Christian Education	35	2,500	1,166
Wellness/Outreach/Pastoral Care	1,988	2,200	2,099
Worship & Music/ M&P/Admin	695	3,200	1,983
Vacation Bible Camp	29	3,000	3,108
St. Mark's Players		1,500	1,425
Accounting & Legal		500	-
Interest & Banking Charges	2,472	2,000	1,877
Region Dues	8,666	8,666	8,666
Office & General	4,307	4,000	3,328
Sundry	2,089	5,450	5,667
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 40,925	\$ 40,016	\$ 37,427
Capital Purchases & Major Repairs	23,688	10,000	9,756
Water & Hydro	4,128	5,900	5,791
Fuel	6,802	8,000	7,881
Insurance	17,581	17,600	15,600
Maintenance & Supplies	14,831	18,300	17,508
Church Building Expenses	\$ 67,030	\$ 59,800	\$ 56,536
Church House Expenses	\$ 11,456	\$ 9,996	\$ 12,670
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 326,845	\$ 335,061	\$ 332,340
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 42,805	\$ 3,312	\$ 15,091

Schedule 2: St. Mark's United Church
Balance Sheet – General Fund for the Year Ended December 31, 2020

ASSETS	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Current Assets		
Petty Cash	\$ 100	\$ 100
Bank	\$ 57,678	\$ 14,945
Accounts Receivable	\$ 4,119	\$ 2,872
Prepays	<u>\$ 6,017</u>	<u>\$ 7,641</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 67,914	\$ 25,558
Fixed Assets		
Buildings	<u>\$ 226,903</u>	<u>\$ 226,903</u>
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 226,903	\$ 226,903
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 294,817</u>	<u>\$ 252,461</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current Liabilities		
Miscellaneous Payables	<u>\$ 3,535</u>	<u>\$ 3,984</u>
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 3,535	\$ 3,984
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	\$ 248,477	\$ 233,386
Current Earnings	<u>\$ 42,805</u>	<u>\$ 15,091</u>
Total Equity	\$ 291,282	\$ 248,477
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 294,817</u>	<u>\$ 252,461</u>

Schedule 3: St. Mark's United Church

Change in Cash Position – General Fund For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Opening Cash Balance January 1 Net	\$ 14,945	\$ (7,358)
Income		
2020	\$ 42,805	\$ 15,091
Decrease in Prepaids	1,624	4,172
Increase in Receivables	-	3,984
Loan from In Memoriam Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>10,061</u>
Total Increase in Funds	44,429	33,308
Repayment of In Memoriam Fund Loan		\$ 10,061
Increase in Receivables	\$ 1,247	
Decrease in Payables	<u>449</u>	<u>944</u>
Total Use of Funds	1,696	11,005
Closing Cash Balance December 31	<u>\$ 57,678</u>	<u>\$ 14,945</u>

Schedule 4: St. Mark's United Church

Mission and Service Contributions

Summary of Mission & Service Contributions

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Regular Envelopes	\$ 10,992	\$ 19,948
Christmas Dinner	507	
Christmas Eve Family Service	<u>-</u>	<u>1,252</u>
Sub-Total	11,499	21,200
UCW contributions	<u>6,000</u>	<u>10,300</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,499</u>	<u>\$ 31,500</u>
Objective	<u>\$ 31,500</u>	<u>\$ 34,000</u>

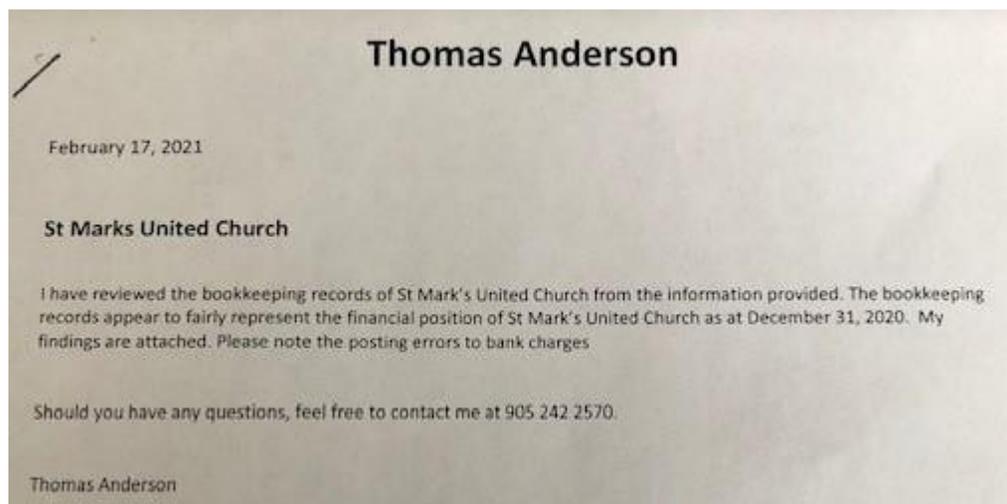
*Schedule 1 – 4 Respectfully Submitted By
Nico de Jonge, Treasurer*

**Schedule 5: St. Mark's United Church
Designated Account**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Opening Bank Balance January 1	\$19,700.95	\$17,472.10
Receipts:		
Interest earned	-	63.00
Building Fund Donations	5,368.00	8,958.00
Matured		
Investment	-	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$ 5,368.00	\$12,021.00
Disbursements:		
Transferred to General Large Purchases	16,887.00	9,756.15
Bank Account Service Charge	-	<u>36.00</u>
Total Disbursements:	\$16,887.00	\$ 9,792.15
Ending Bank Balance December 31	<u>\$ 8,181.95</u>	<u>\$19,700.95</u>
Designated Funds		
Building	\$ 8,141.95	\$19,660.95
Parking Lot	<u>40.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>
	<u>\$ 8,181.95</u>	<u>\$19,700.95</u>

*Administered by the
Board of Trustees*

*Respectfully Submitted By
Nico de Jonge, Treasurer*



**Schedule 6: St. Mark's United Church
In Memoriam Fund for 12 months ended December 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Bank balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 16,154.05	\$ 1,540.49
Receipts		
Interest Earned on Investments	1,905.72	1,922.99
Matured GIC's	65,753.33	43,249.42
Repayment of Loan from General Fund	10,000.00	10,060.99
Donations - Non designated	<u>1,690.00</u>	<u>3,280.00</u>
Total Receipts	79,349.05	58,513.40
Disbursements		
Bank Charges	29.92	78.23
Short Term Loan to General Fund	10,000.00	10,060.99
Transfer to UCW	-	1,837.63
Reinvested Earnings	1,905.72	1,922.99
Purchase of GIC	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	11,935.64	43,899.84
Bank Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 83,567.46</u>	<u>\$ 16,154.05</u>
Investments		
CIBC GIC to Mar 9, 2021 @ 1.4%	18,033.21	
CIBC GIC to August 20, 2021 @ 0.65%	35,951.62	
CIBC GIC to Feb 11, 2021 @ 2.0% Almond Property	2,582.23	
CIBC GIC to Feb 24, 2021 @ 2.0%	13,642.92	
CIBC GIC to Aug 25, 2021 @ 0.65%	<u>10,487.07</u>	
In Memoriam Investments	\$ 80,697.05	\$143,254.09
In Memoriam Fund Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$164,264.51</u>	<u>\$159,408.14</u>

Administered by the Board of Trustees

Note 1:

The GIC investments are being used as collateral on the \$50,000 CIBC line of credit for the general account.

CIBC GIC to Dec 17, 2021 @ 0.45% (Manse)	\$242,850.00	\$242,850.00
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Respectfully Submitted by Nico de Jonge, Treasurer

Schedule 7: St. Mark's United Church - Chancel Choir

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2020

Bank Balance January 1, 2020

\$ 884.47

Receipts:

Collection	\$ 0.00
Donations	0.00

Total Receipts

\$ 884.47

Expenses:

Flowers	\$ 136.60
Social	55.38
Donations	350.00
Bank Fees	30.00

Total Expenses

\$ 571.98

Bank Balance December 31, 2020

\$ 312.49

Bank of Montreal GIC 0.85% (matures December 14, 2021)

\$ 1,073.28

Submitted by Robin, Treasurer

Schedule 8: St. Mark's United Church - St. Mark's Players

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2019

Bank Balance, January 1, 2020

\$ 1,273.18

Receipts:

0

Total receipts

0

Sub-Total

\$ 1,273.18

Expenses

Phoenix Organs 2019 show, move	\$ 560.25
New headset & cables	196.91
Hearth Pace – In Memory of Emy Moreland	50.00
Bank Charges	36.12

Total Expenses

\$ 843.28

Bank Balance December 31, 2020

\$ 429.90

Submitted by Rob

Schedule 9: St. Mark's United Church - United Church Women

Bank balance - January 1, 2020 \$7,502.99

Receipts:

Open Door	\$1,808.41	
New Horizons	1,496.59	
Monday Coffee group & other members	1,335.05	
Donations	155.00	
No Bake Bake Sale	1,080.00	
Auction	5,025.52	
Fall Bazaar	1,679.00	
Reception donations	744.32	
Total receipts		\$13,323.89

Disbursements:

Church Flowers/Gifts	\$748.54	
Kitchen supplies	450.73	
Stamps, calendars, sundries, bank	125.41	
St. Mark's General Fund	6,972.06	
Christmas hamper project	100.00	
United Church Mission & Service Fund	6,000.00	
Camp Quin-Mo-Lac	200.00	
Presbyterial UCW	200.00	
Footprints	300.00	
Durham Hospice	200.00	
Luke's Place	300.00	
St. Andrew's Outreach	1,200.00	
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Total disbursements		\$16,796.74

Balance as at December 31, 2020 \$4,030.14

Respectfully submitted, Barbara, Treasurer

Where do we hope to go in 2021.....

Stewardship is looking forward to 2021! To adding some new members to the ministry.

We also look forward to working more closely with other ministries in the church to further our discipleship in the service of Christ.

What does 2021 look like for Therapeutic Touch? A reenergizing of TT within St. Mark's, greater awareness of how TT can support us energetically through our health/life experiences and the resources within St. Mark's, Jan. 31st TT Service, potential for TT for Self-Care series to be offered for church members

Facilities Management 2021 Challenge: Balancing available funding with pending project requirements.

Book Club is looking forward to restarting this ministry on zoom and gathering again in 2021.

Finance Team is looking & Music Ministry forward to coordinating more with the Stewardship team.

St. Mark's is looking forward to returning to in person worship and to the opportunities for online worship in the future.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

1 John 4:7 NRSV

We hope that in your time with us
you will experience the deep joy that comes from knowing you are loved by God and
welcomed by our church family.

**Our hope is that, as your faith continues to grow, our
sphere of activity among you will greatly expand.**

2 Corinthians 10:15b NRSV

We hope to continue to.....**serve one another humbly in love.**

Galatians 5:13b NRSV