THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

SAMBRO - JOLLIMORE PASTORAL CHARGE

2021 ANNUAL REPORT





Parkhill United Church

St James United Church

Mission Statement:

Our Mission as a pastoral charge is to provide a caring and supportive environment for spiritual growth; to encourage a loving and growing relationship with God in our daily lives, and to inspire each of us to serve one another in the community and in the world.

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Directory Information

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Official Board Officers

Chairperson: John Hennigar-Shuh Secretary: Carolyn Langlands

Mission & Service Co-Treasurers:

Doug Garrison / Dylan Gray
Pastoral Charge Co-Treasurers:

Doug Garrison / Dylan Gray

Ministry & Personnel Contact: Sheila Kindred Minister: Rev. Helene Burns

Representative to Regional Council 15: Cheryl Schnare

Boards of Management

Parkhill Chairperson: Sheila Kindred St. James Chairperson: Doug Garrison

Parkhill UCW Representative: Regine Maass

St. James Clerk of Session: Sara Scarfe

St. James Pastoral Care Co-Chairs: Diana Walker-Ross / Eleanor Schnare

St. James Sunday School Contact: Rev. Helene Burns

Musicians:

Parkhill: Judith Tulloch, Jennifer Moss, Marilyn Pierce,

Byron Veinot, Helene Burns
Susan Feltmate, Jennifer Mo

St. James: Susan Feltmate, Jennifer Moss

Passages of Life

In Memoriam

"May we remember them in love, trusting them to God's gentle embrace and keeping." *

Parkhill United Church

Gerald Dennis Nathan Harris
October 4, 1933 – May 13, 2021
Committal Service at St. John's Cemetery, Fairview May 20, 2021
Memorial Service at Parkhill United Church October 17, 2021

Elsie May Jollimore
August 7, 1927 – October 9, 2021
Memorial Service at J.A. Snow Funeral Home, Halifax October 16, 2021
Committal Service at Boscobel Cemetery, Jollimore October 18, 2021

St. James United Church

Sheila May Darrah
June 23, 1940 – April 14, 2021
Committal Service of Henry (Gussie) and Sheila Darrah
at St. James Cemetery April 20, 2021

Glen Walter Hart
March 22, 1970 – July 7, 2021
Committal Service at St. James Cemetery July 13, 2021

Eunice Mildred Henneberry
December 10, 1916 – August 3, 2021
Committal Service at St. James Cemetery August 10, 2021

Linda Ruth Bonin August 21, 1957 – May 26, 2021 Committal Service at St. James Cemetery August 20, 2021

Patricia Ann Harrie
April 13, 1939 – September 21, 2021
Memorial Service at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home September 27, 2021

Erna Elizabeth Gray
March 18, 1935 – December 2, 2021
Memorial Service at J. Albert Walker Funeral Home and
Committal Service at St. James Cemetery December 8, 2021

From Celebrate God's Presence: A Book of Services for The United Church of Canada (2000)

Minister's Message

"The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation." Psalm 118:14 (KJV)

Dear Friends in Christ.

The year of 2021 was a roller coaster ride! As our province experienced the various waves of Covid-19, the work and celebrations of the St. James and Parkhill faith communities were affected.

Our worship services offered a way for us to keep connected through both in-person and online services. I am grateful for the many people who assisted. At Parkhill the pews were cordoned off and weekly attendance lists done by Sheila and Hugh Kindred. St. James pews were marked off, arrows laid down and signs posted by Barb Reyno and Greg Reinhardt. Attendance lists were typed by Barb Reyno and checked off weekly by Clyde Gray, with assistance from Theresa Gray.

During the first part of the year, we worshipped together in our sanctuaries with masks, physical distancing, limited numbers and attendance sheets for contact tracing. Services at St. James were live streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend. This lasted until the end of April, when Nova Scotia Public Health required that we return to virtual services. Live-streamed and pre-recorded services were then offered by St. James. In the third week of June, we were allowed to return to in-person services, again observing protocols, and St. James continued to live stream. Things went well until the third Sunday of December, when Christmas Eve in-person worship services were cancelled. What a disappointment! But St. James was able to offer a pre-recorded Christmas Eve service and a live streamed service on the first Sunday after Christmas. Despite everything, the Holy Spirit moved among us across time and space.

The flexibility and patience of our worship leaders, musicians and technology team, as well as our congregations and FB viewers, were tested time and again. St. James musicians and singers were: Susan Feltmate, Jennifer Moss, Sara Scarfe, Gary Burns, Crystal Gilkie and Jackie Garrison. The work of producing pre-recorded and live stream worship was spear-headed by Bill Stewart (our hero), with assistance from Gary Burns, Kirk Moss and Lewis Stewart. John Stewart kept the sound system in working order and also arranged the purchase of new and used microphones and cords. Parkhill musicians Judith Tulloch, Marilyn Pierce, Jennifer Moss, Byron Veinot and Helene Burns provided music for congregational worship.

After the discovery of children's bodies buried at a residential school site, we held a virtual Service of Lament in early June; two Sundays later we celebrated Indigenous Sunday. For the first time, an ecumenical Prayer Walk was held in Spryfield on the morning of Good Friday. It was well attended by people of various churches, including those of Parkhill and St. James; people expressed the hope that it could be repeated in 2022. Members of the congregation led services when I was on vacation, or on medical or study leave: Licensed Lay Worship Leader Sara Scarfe, Doug Garrison, Pat Thomas, John Hennigar-Shuh, and Jeanne Henneberry. Garth Steeves and Milton Ingalls also travelled from PEI to lead us in August; later that month the Blessing of the Fleet took place again at the wharf. In October, Parkhill celebrated a special service in memory of long-time member Gerald Harris, who had passed away in May. A Remembrance Day ceremony, pre-recorded by Bill Stewart and Lewis Stewart, took place at the Cenotaph at St. James Cemetery, with assistance from Mitchell Gray who read "In Flanders Fields" and Chief Petty Officer 1st Class Patrick Devenish (retired), who read the names on the Cenotaph; it was posted to YouTube on Remembrance Day. The St. James Fishermen's Service took place the morning of November 21.

Worship, the sacraments (baptism and communion), pastoral care and Christian education are the responsibility of two separate groups: the Session at St. James, consisting of Sara Scarfe (clerk of session), Brenda Slaunwhite (secretary), Pat Thomas, Cyndi Garrison, Jennifer Moss, John Hennigar-Shuh and Gary Burns; and the Board of Management at Parkhill, which consists of Sheila Kindred (chair/secretary), Byron Veinot (treasurer), Andrea Anderson and Jill Leon. These groups separately made the decision to acknowledge the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaw peoples at various times during the year. Communion was celebrated five times in 2021.

In March and April, a Lenten Bible study took place via zoom and in-person gatherings. Unfortunately, the in-person groups were interrupted by Covid-19, but the study via zoom was able to finish. We began studying the "Birth of Jesus" in the fall; one in-person group completed the study but the other was interrupted by Covid-19 shut-downs. The zoom study group resumed in the new year.

The work of the Boards of Management of both St. James and Parkhill went on throughout the year, despite Covid-19. Their efforts are noted in their own reports as they managed our finances, organized fund raisers, and maintained our church buildings. Parkhill's Board has been named, and we acknowledge the work of Parkhill's volunteer cleaner, Cherrilyn Atejera. The St. James Board consists of Doug Garrison (chair), Jen Garrison (secretary), Greg Reinhardt (treasurer), Barb Reyno (assistant treasurer), Aronda Garrison, Kenny Garrison, Crystal Gilkie, Donna and Sherman Marryatt. Many thanks to caretaker, Maïka Villeneuve, whom we will miss but wished her well when she left in November to work in New Brunswick. The Pastoral Charge Official Board consists of members of our Boards of Management and Session, and it is led by John Hennigar-Shuh (chair), Carolyn Langlands (secretary) and co-treasurers, Doug Garrison and Dylan Gray.

At St. James we were not able to hold in-person Sunday School classes, but had Inter-generational services throughout the year, with various children taking part. Also, pre-recorded craft segments for the children were posted on the St. James FB page at Easter by Jennifer Moss.

We enjoyed Harbour Views Newsletters during the year and are grateful to Jennifer (editor) and Kirk Moss for producing these beautifully presented and entertaining issues, and to the various contributors from both churches.

As noted earlier, we tried to maintain connections with one another. My efforts were augmented by the St. James Pastoral Care team and many people of St. James and Parkhill. All of them checked on people through phone calls and visits and let me know when someone was in need of pastoral care. Last year, I presided at memorial services and committals for two people from Parkhill United, six from St. James United, two from St. Paul's United in Spryfield, and one from Trinity United in Timberlea.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee oversees the work of the staff of the Charge, providing support and wisdom: Sheila Kindred, John Hennigar-Shuh, Lisa Downing and Bill Stewart.

As minister, I am automatically a member of every committee of both churches (with the exceptions of Ministry and Personnel, and of any Profile or Search committees which might be formed). I am also a member of Regional Council 15 and since 2019 have served on the Licensing Committee, which oversees Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. As well, since 2015 I have been the Supervisor of St. Margaret's Bay Pastoral Charge which has been without a minister since the passing of Rev. Ellen Wilson.

I offer my thanks to our pastoral charge secretary, Annie Drew Purcell, for her great work, flexibility, patience and initiative. I am also grateful for the support of my husband, Gary Burns, who contributes

much, listens well, sings beautifully, and keeps me (and others) laughing.

Again, this year we have come a long way. As a congregation you have been steadfast in your support of one another and of the wider community. How blessed we are to be sustained by one another and by the knowledge that God is with us, loving us with a deep and abiding love. For your dedication, hard work and prayers, I give you my deepest thanks.

With love and blessings, Rev. Helene Burns

Ministry and Personal Committee

The job of the M&P committee of the Pastoral Charge is to provide a place for consultation in a supportive and confidential environment for our paid and volunteer staff and for the congregations at St James and Parkhill United Churches. We endeavour to be sensitive to the needs of the congregation. We approve requests for study leave and vacations.

The current members of the committee are Lisa Downing, John Hennigar-Shuh, Sheila Kindred and Bill Stewart. We have remained in close contact with Rev. Helene through the year and met several times as a group on Zoom.

If you would like to discuss anything with us regarding the ministry or personnel of the Pastoral Charge, please contact us.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Kindred

Mission and Service Fund

 St. James United
 \$3,653.50

 Parkhill United
 915.00

 Total \$4,568.50

Pastoral Charge Financial Report

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
Christian Education	\$0.00	\$168.00	\$0.00
Conference	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Education Allowance	\$1,515.00	\$0.00	\$1,515.00
ADP Payroll Services	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Secretary Salary	\$4,900.00	\$4,976.00	\$4,970.00
Minister Salary	\$63,613.00	\$62,244.00	\$63,613.00
Minister Benefits/pension	\$7,900.00	\$14,430.00	\$12,600.00
Minister Phone	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Minister Supply and Travel	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Travel Allowance	\$2,000.00	\$1,748.00	\$2,000.00
Church Phone/internet	\$600.00	\$657.00	\$600.00
Office Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$946.00	\$1,200.00
Region 15	\$4,409.00	\$4,409.00	\$4,409.00
Worship Supplies	\$400.00	\$373.00	\$400.00
Zoom Fees	\$0.00	\$322.00	\$0.00
Misc. & Bank Fees	<u>\$63.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$63.00</u>
	<u>\$93,000.00</u>	<u>\$91,553.00</u>	<u>\$93,070.00</u>

Bank Reconciliation Statement

	Debit	Credit	Balance	
Balance, Jan 1, 2021				\$7,097.62
Income St James		\$62,000.0	0	
Income Parkhill		\$15,500.0	0	
Wage Subsidy Income		\$13,572.0	0	
ADP Adjustment		\$172.5	50	
St James Cleaning 2020		\$2,326.0	0	
St James Cleaning 2021		\$1,350.0	0	
Less: outstanding cheques 2020	\$247.34	\$23,110.0	0	
Less: overpayment to minister trav	\$60.00	\$247.3	34	
2021 Cleaning Expense	\$2,755.00			
Balance Dec 31, 2021				\$7,401.54
Accounts Payable Dec 31, 2021	\$1,040.53			
Accounts Receivable Dec 31, 2021		\$1,464.8	32	

Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge Official Board

Although there were no face-to-face official board meetings in 2021, the meetings held by Zoom were popular. At each meeting the budget and financial statements are reviewed and freely discussed as well as updates from the other committees.

On February 22, 2021 the meeting was attended by 18 people.

The discussion about the proposed budget and financial reports reflected the uncertainties due to the pandemic. After the reports and business was shared, there was a lively dialogue about the highlights and challenges of the past year and the worries and hopes for the next one.

On November 18, 2021, again 18 people meet by Zoom.

After the sharing and discussing of budget, financial and other business, the main topic of conversation was about the upcoming retirement of Rev. Helene Burns. An exchange of ideas and concerns about how to proceed followed. Our meeting ended with a positive feeling about the future of our churches.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Langlands

Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge Annual General Meeting February 22, 2021

Attendance: Rev. Helene Burns, Gary Burns, Sara Scarfe, Pat Thomas, Greg Reinhardt, Jennifer Moss, Crystal Gilkie, Barb Reyno, Doug Garrison, Brenda Slaunwhite, Sheila Kindred, Hugh Kindred, Cheryl Schnare, Byron Veinot, Dylan Gray, John Hennigar-Shuh, Carolyn Langlands, and Jill Leon.

Rev. Helene Burns called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm and opened the meeting with a prayer.

John Hennigar-Shuh volunteered to chair the meeting and Carolyn Langlands volunteered to be secretary. All were in favour.

Gary Burns made a motion to extend the vote to adherents. The motion was seconded by Sheila Kindred and all were in agreement. The motion was carried.

Carolyn Langlands made a motion to accept the minutes from the Pastoral Charge AGM 2020. The motion was seconded by Gary Burns, approved by all and carried.

Doug Garrison and Dylan Gray discussed the Pastoral Charge financial report on page 6 of the 2020 Annual Report. Dylan Gray is looking into available grants and CEWS wage subsidy information. A motion by Dylan Gray to adopt the Pastoral charge financial report was seconded by Doug Garrison. All were in agreement and the motion was carried.

A motion by Doug Garrison to approve the budget for 2021, seconded by Dylan Gray and carried unanimously.

A motion by Brenda Slaunwhite to thank Doug Garrison and Dylan Gray for their work this year with the finances. The motion was seconded by Pat Thomas and agreed by all and carried.

Gary Burns made a motion to accept the other reports. The motion was seconded by Crystal Gilkie, agreed by all and carried.

Cheryl Schnare suggested we think of a name for Region 15 council.

Highlights and Challenges:

- Success of Doug Garrison and Dylan Gray getting grants and subsidies.
- The building damage from the hurricane covered by the insurance company.
- The grants that helped get our heat pumps which will save us lots of money.
- The technology that was learned by our team to carry on the work of the church through the pandemic.
- The great newsletter by Jennifer and Kirk Moss.
- The wonderful support of the community at Parkhill, especially for the piper for the victims in N.S.
- Community came together to sing Carols on Christmas eve at Parkhill.
- The Thinking of You meals.

Dreams and Goals:

- Improve appearance of Parkhill.
- Add more content to the webpage.
- Get newletter on the webpage.
- More suppers from St. James.
- More information for Chebucto News about our events.
- Virtual plant sale?
- Zoom talent night?
- Perseverance and Hope.

Thank you extended to everyone working as a team for our church and community.

Closing Prayer and blessing by Rev. Helene Burns

Meeting adjourned with Go Now In Peace.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Langlands

Congregational Reports

Parkhill

Parkhill United Church Board of Management

The Board held ten meetings by Zoom during the year. Board members were Andrea Anderson, Gerry Harris (until May), Sheila Kindred (Chair), Jill Leon, Byron Veinot and Rev. Helene Burns.

We weathered another year during which our regular activities were severely compromised by COVID-19. In an ordinary church year, our congregation would worship together in person 45 times; this year we only managed 34 occasions. We were in church from January through March, twice in May and June, twice in July and August, and reassembled for September through November only to be foiled again after December 5. It was particularly disappointing to miss services for the rest of Advent, and to have to cancel the outside Community Carol service planned for Christmas Eve.

This year was the 70th anniversary of our Church's presence in Jollimore. We had hopes for several celebrations to mark this important event, but were unable to go ahead with them. We were particularly saddened by the deaths of two highly valued members, Gerry Harris in May and Johnny Strong in September. For over 50 years, Gerry provided leadership and support in all aspects of Church life. Johnny had served as our Treasurer, as a Board Member and a Trustee. We miss them.

It has been a challenge to keep church life going in the face of so many obstructions. Nonetheless, there were some highlights, which have made this year memorable. Rev. Helene led a Bible Study during the fall, using the study guide "Birth of Jesus" by Donald Schmidt, but this activity also became the victim of COVID-19 restrictions. Rev. Helene conducted live-streamed or pre-recorded Sunday morning services from St James, Sambro, which were available to us on St James Facebook and YouTube pages. Thus, those of us online were able to continue with Sunday worship, albeit through a different medium. Thank you, Rev. Helene and your worship team for all the extra effort this entailed.

When we could meet at Parkhill, our various musicians, Jennifer Moss, Marilyn Pierce, Judith Tulloch and the duo of Byron Veinot and Rev. Helene, enhanced our worship, even though the rest of us, being masked, could not participate as fully as we would have wished. Our outdoor Community Carol Sing and Star Lighting in early December attracted over 40 people and raised \$150.00 for the St Paul's Family Resources Institute. A stripped-down September Sale met with considerable community support and was a financial success. A Christmas Jam and Jelly and Holly Sale was a great hit, selling out within two weeks.

Parkhill Church continued to support both local and global communities. Donations were made to the Halifax Refugee Clinic, Metro Food Bank, Phoenix Programmes for Youth, Rev. Trevor Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund and the St Paul's Family Resources Institute. The Church also contributed once more to the United Church Mission and Service Fund.

The Board would like to thank Rev. Helene for her sensitive leadership in continuing stressful times, her musical gifts, and the sound spiritual guidance she has provided through an extraordinary and unpredictable period. We also thank Cherrilyn Teng who voluntarily cleaned the church when she was able to access it.

Respectfully submitted, Sheila Kindred

Minutes of Parkhill United Church Annual General Meeting 16 February, 2021

Present: Betty Hughes, Madge Hicks, Regine Maass, Hugh Kindred, Sheila Kindred, Dale Veinot, Byron Veinot, Marilyn Pierce, Reverend Helene Burns, Andrea Anderson

Opening prayer – Reverend Helene Burns; Call to order 10 a.m; Sheila Kindred to serve as Chair, Andrea to serve as Secretary

Motion: Hugh; Seconded: Byron; Motion carried.

All adherents may participate and vote on any issue Motion: Regine; Seconded: Byron; Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Budget; Approval of Parkhill Financial Reports in Pastoral Charge 2020 Annual Report &2021 Budget

Motion: Andrea; Seconded: Regine; Motion carried.

Participants thanked Andrea

Motion: Regine; Seconded: Hugh; Motion carried.

Sheila presented thoughts on parking through the winter months and saving on snow removal.

Hugh had questions reagrding the \$500 in the memorial fund and sought clarity on insurance.

Regine sought clarity on the piano and cleaning.

Andrea mentioned moving \$10,000 from the investment fund into the operating budget.

Motion to approve all other Parkhill Reports within the Pastoral Charge 2020 Annual Report Motion: Andrea; Seconded: Sheila; Motion carried.

Regine mentioned Olive would like the word "refreshments" struck from the Annual Report in reference to a social held at her house – page 12. No refreshments were served consistent with COVID-19 safety protocols.

Sheila noted generosity of UCW as per their report page 13. There was a discussion clarifying what "Region 15" is: Helene explained it is NS and Bermuda and the meetings are held in Sackville for our regions.

Highlights and challenges

Highlights:

- Helene recognized the detail and humour of Sheila's board of management report, which contains a comprehensive overview of 2020 highlights
- Tom the Bagpiper
- 70th birthday of Parkhill in 2021 this will be a year of celebration and there are many ideas: Jack & Eileen are keen to do concerts once feasible; lecture evenings perhaps on topics like the cottage at Fleming Park, history of the neighbourhood, ecology of habitats
- Christmas and Easter worshippers still wish to connect with a church community who we value it remains important for us to provide that place.

Challenges:

• should we charge for parking in our lot? Should we charge anybody who parks in our lot who prevents Tony Boyd from being able to plow, thereby resulting in the church being charged twice for snow removal (because he can't plow when there are cars parked there and he charges us for that trip, plus the one to come back and clear the snow once the parked cars are gone).

Ideas and observations:

- We can do better on the charge website by adding a "donate" button for Parkhill. Greg Reinhardt is the webmaster.
- Jack & Louise Renault re: Facebook.
- Betty Belmore and Bill Stevenson to play in church or potentially outdoors.
- Hugh recommended we advise the United Church administrators that our Region 15 be renamed. We decided to give some thought to what that name might be.

Sheila moved a huge vote of thanks to Helene for her wisdom, leadership and flexibility, to which Helene thanked and recognized the patience and flexibility of both congreations, as well as a thanks to Sheila for her leadership.

Adjournment 11:15 a.m; Motion: Andrea; Carried

Closing prayer and blessing by Helene.

Respectfully submitted, Andrea Anderson

Parkhill United Church Women

Our UCW group at Parkhill Church continues to thrive in spite of limitations in our scope to hold gatherings for a part of last year. We have come to the end of another challenging year, one which tested our resilience, but we resolved not to give up when Covid-19 and its variants brought fear and illness into our lives. Instead, we have chosen to "Hold onto Jesus and Ride out the storm," knowing that we are never alone in our challenges as we continue to work for Him.

Throughout the years, the objective of our UCW group has been to build up a spiritually enriching community within our Church. We hold monthly meetings, which include both a Business Meeting and a Worship Service. Each member answers to the roll call with a verse of scripture which is meaningful to them. In our business meetings, we plan projects and discuss financial matters, including fund raising and how much to give to various charities. The Worship Service focuses on a theme based on a selected Scripture passage. Everyone participates in reading portions and we have a chance to share our reflections on the scripture and its impact on us. In our coming together, we seek to strengthen the bonds of fellowship between us and at the same time to reaffirm our faith and spiritual beliefs. Members of our group participate in many of the general activities at Parkhill Church and make significant contributions in planning and executing components of the weekly Services. From our fundraising activities, we not only support our Church at Parkhill, but also contribute to selected charitable groups in our community as well as the wider world. This year, the number of meetings we could possibly hold was curtailed by rules relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic; consequently, no meeting was held in January during the lockdown. On February 4th, a meeting was held at the home of Olive Phillips where we discussed old and new business. Of special interest was the discussion about our annual gifts to Phoenix House, sent in for December. This Charitable Organization is doing amazing work among the youth in our Province and we always support them. In our package, we included personal care items, warm clothing for all ages and some cash to fill specific needs. Other recipients of donations of food and cash include St Paul's Family Institute, M&S Fund, Halifax Refugee Clinic, Lease coin, Parkhill United Church, Angola Scholarship Fund and the Revd. Trevor Phillips Scholarship Fund.

At one meeting the Scripture reading was taken from Genesis 29: 10-29; it focused on the interesting working relationship which existed between Jacob and Laban. Jacob demonstrated remarkable perseverance as he worked hard and sought to build up resources and also to earn permission to marry Laban's two daughters, Rachael and Leah, over a span of several years. In our time of reflection, we were reminded of the power of perseverance in getting to our goals; it was a teachable moment for us, we should never give up when faced by challenges in life.

On March 11, our second meeting was held at the home of Olive Phillips and we followed the regular format. However, a suggestion was made by one of our members that we introduce variety into our meetings by substituting a Hymn Sing once or twice each year in lieu of the usual UCW meeting format. This met with favourable response. In April, due to COVID 19 Pandemic restrictions it was not possible to hold the World Day of Prayer Service, which is usually a collaboration between Parkhill United Church, Emmanuel Anglican Church, St Michael's Catholic Church and several other Churches in our area. This friendly and inspiring gathering was a major loss; we were not permitted to gather in groups for a period of months until conditions improved. In September, we were happy to assist in putting on the Parkhill Fall Sale held in the Church yard. People from the community grasped this opportunity to come out to meet and greet their neighbours and friends again after the long isolation. They purchased art, antiques,

plants, baked goodies and old treasures; they were visibly enjoying the friendly atmosphere, standing around sharing lighthearted banter even though we were all wearing masks.

On October 21, we held our UCW Meeting at the home of Marilyn Pierce and it took the form of a Hymn Sing. The session began with Marilyn sitting at the piano leading us in lusty singing of many of our favourite Hymns. The November 19th meeting was also held at the home of Marylin Pierce; this time the group was much smaller, but we accomplished much by focusing on the planning of events and determining specific allocations and donation of funds to our usual charities for the end of the year. We read a Daily Reflection on Gratitude and also read together a piece Titled "Putting on a Mask," written by Rt. Revd. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. The emphasis was on gratitude, giving thanks for all things. On December 7, we had a wonderful Christmas Potluck Dinner and Carol Sing at the home of Olive Phillips. Happy to be together again after some uncertainty, we all contributed tasty dishes and desserts to the Potluck feast. Some male spouses were invited to join in the fellowship, the food and pleasant conversation. The vibrant singing of some of our favourite Christmas Carols lifted our spirits. At the end of the music session we all laughed and chatted for a while before going home with full stomachs and much joy in our hearts.

Respectfully submitted, Olive Phillips

Parkhill United Church UCW Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance on Account January, 2021 Donation Total	\$201.51 \$570.00	\$771.51
Disbursements of Parkhill UCW To be passed on as follows:	\$600.00	
Phoenix House	\$100.00	
St Paul's Family Resources Institute	\$100.00	
Rev. T Phillips Memorial Scholarship	\$100.00	
Parkhill United Church	\$100.00	
UC Mission and Service Fund	\$100.00	
Halifax Refugee Clinic	\$100.00	

Total disbursements: \$600.00

Net Balance Dec 31, 2021 \$171.51

Respectfully submitted,

Regine Maass

Parkhill 2021 Annual Treasurer's Report

Revenues General Offerings M&S Fund Building Fund Charitable Fund Memorial Fund Other Revenue (including September and jam sales, Rental to bag piper) Donations received	Budgeted \$17,000.00 \$1,000.00 \$250.00 \$20.00 \$500.00 \$3,759.00	Actual \$13,672.45 \$950.00 \$20.00 0.00 \$386.00 \$4,751.05
	Total \$22,545.00	Total \$21,782.50
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Donations made* Pastoral Charge** Piano Services*** Oil and Furnace Electricity Water HRM Taxes Insurance Bank Charges Cleaning**** Yard and Snow removal M&S Payment Miscellaneous*****	\$200.00 \$18,600.00 \$600.00 \$3,200.00 \$1,000.00 \$480.00 \$30.00 \$943.00 \$30.00 0.00 \$400.00 \$1,000.00 \$500.00	\$550.00 \$15,500.00 \$180.00 \$2,690.51 \$661.05 \$329.91 \$40.47 \$975.24 \$34.45 0.00 \$280.00 \$902.00 \$200.00
*Donations are determined by the Board and include those made by the UCW. **Two monthly payments were paid by federal government support during COVID pandemic. ***Plus \$1,925 in donated piano services ****Plus \$60.00 in donated cleaning services ***** Includes Christmas bonus	Total \$26,983.00	Total \$22,343.63
Revenue – Expenses	-\$4,438.00	- \$561.13
Investment account @Scotia Bank \$29,899.84 after transfer of \$5,000 to Current account on 25 March 2021.		
Bank Balance on 31 December 2020 Transfer from Investment account Accounting discrepancy Bank Balance on 31 December 2021		\$4,107.39 \$5,000.00 +\$78.34 \$8,624.60

Parkhill 2022 Proposed Budget

Revenues	<u>Budgeted</u>	
General Offerings	14,000.00	
M&S Fund	\$1,000.00	
Building Fund	0.00	
Charitable Fund	\$20.00	
Memorial Fund	\$300.00	
Other Revenue (including concerts,	\$4,000.00	
sales, rentals, tree lighting etc.)		
Donations received	\$1,500.00	
	Total \$20, 800.00	

Expenditures

Donations made*	\$550.00	
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Pastoral Charge**	\$18,600.00	
Piano Services	\$400.00	
Oil and Furnace	\$3,500.00	
Electricity	700.00	
Water	\$400.00	
HRM Taxes	\$45.00	
Insurance	\$950.00	
Bank Charges	\$36.00	
Cleaning	0.00	
Yard and Snow removal	\$600.00	
M&S Payment	\$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous***	\$400.00	
	Total \$27,181.00	

^{*}Donations are determined by the

Board and include those made by the UCW.

per month and no government support during COVID pandemic.

Respectfully submitted by Byron Veinot, Treasurer, and Sheila Kindred, Chair, January 2022

^{**}Assumes there will be 12 payments of \$1550

^{***} Includes Christmas bonus, minor repairs, supplies

St. James

St. James United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes, 15 February 2021

Attendance: Rev. Helene Burns, Gary Burns, Sara Scarfe, Pat Thomas, Greg Reinhardt, Jennifer Moss, Crystal Gilkie, Diana Walker-Ross, Barb Reyno, Doug Garrison, Jackie Garrison, Brenda Slaunwhite, John Hennigar-Shuh, Carolyn Langlands

- Call to order at 7:09 pm by Rev. Helene Burns, Opening prayer by Rev. Helene Burns
- Gary Burns motioned to elect John Hennigar-Shuh to chair and Carolyn Langlands to be secretary. Crystal Gilkie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried.
- A motion by Carolyn Langlands to extend the vote to Adherents was seconded by Gary Burns and carried.
- A motion to approve the minutes for St. James AGM on February 16, 2020 by Carolyn Langlands, seconded by Sara Scarfe and carried.

A review and discussion of St. James Financial Statement, from the Sambro-Jollimore Pastoral Charge Annual Report 2020, followed. Greg Reinhardt spoke of the financial changes that happened because of the pandemic. He highlighted the many skills involved by congregational and community members to keep the work of the church going.

- A motion by Crystal Gilkie to thank Greg Reinhardt and Barb Reyno for their work and commitment this year was seconded by Diana Walker-Ross. Everyone enthusiastically agreed and the motion was carried.
- A motion by Gary Burns to accept the reports in the Sambro-Jollimore Annual Report for 2020 was seconded by Scara Scarfe. All were in agreement and the motion was carried.
- A motion to approve the 2021 budget by Greg Reinhardt was seconded by Doug Garrison. All
 were in agreement and the motion was carried.
- A motion to thank Jennifer and Kirk Moss for the great newsletters by Greg Reindhardt and seconded by Barb Reyno, agreed by all and carried.

Highlights and Challenges

Getting the children back to church.

Vaccines for everyone.

Missing the full choir.

Feeling optimistic through this year of uncertainty.

Getting back to regular church services again.

Reaching out to people who do not have access to computers.

The high number of viewers watching the weekly services.

Our newsletter!

Drive through suppers.

Dreams and Goals

Mail outs to update people about events and pastoral care services.

Virtual talent nights.

Telephone buddy system.

More meals to individuals.

Craft afternoons for children.

<u>Dreams and Goals cont/d</u>
A regular Christmas service.
Outdoor events and family affairs.
Project for community outreach food bank.
Easter project, Easter cards made by kids for seniors.
Articles in Chebucto News.

Closing Prayer and blessing by Rev. Helene Burns Go Now In Peace.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Langlands

St. James Cemetery Fund Report as of December 31, 2021

Date	Description	Cheque Number	Amount	Balance
	Opening Balance	_		712.73
10-Feb-21	Sold - Lot 130 Plot "D"		500.00	1212.73
01-May-21	Interest (Apr 2021 – Aug 2021)		0.05	1212.78
29-Sep-21	Gordon MacKenzie – Mowing 2021	37	-850.00	362.78
06-Oct-21	Receipted Donations		400.00	762.78
23-Dec-21	Interest (Sept 2021 –Dec 2021)		0.03	762.81

Dinner Theatre Financials

Carried forward 2020	\$1,111.76
Income Ticket Sales Auction / Donation DVD sales Bank Interest sale equipment Total Income	<u> </u>
Expenses Groceries Kitchen Expenses Lobster * Cast Expenses Mileage Bank Charges Misc Expenses Church Donation Lights sound Ticket refunds Total Expenses	\$30.00
Income	\$1,081.76

^{*} All but **lbs of the lobster was donated by fishermen and fishplant.

as of December 31, 2021

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Session

Members: Rev Helene Burns, Sara Scarfe (chair), Pat Thomas, John Hennigar Shuh, Cyndi Garrison, Brenda Slaunwhite (secretary), Gary Burns and Jennifer Moss joined us this year.

All of our meetings were conducted via Zoom this year, except one meeting with those of us who felt comfortable who met in the church hall, socially distanced and masked while others were on Zoom. It is great that the Pastoral Charge has its' own Zoom account now as the meetings always go longer than a ½ hour. If matters arise between meetings, we meet on Zoom or consult by phone or email. We did not meet during the months of July and August.

Together with the minister, we plan worship services, oversee music, Sunday School and Pastoral Care. We also approve Baptisms, weddings and requests for use of the sanctuary. We assist the minister with funerals and special services.

The last year has been a challenge with services suspended for part of the year due to COVID-19. We would like to thank all of those involved in helping us to set up services live or pre-recorded in the sanctuary. Special thanks to Rev Helene Burns, Gary Burns, Susan Feltmate, John Stewart, Capt Bill Stewart, Lou Stewart, Jennifer Moss, Kirk Moss, Crystal Marryatt Gilkie and Jackie Garrison. I hope I have not missed anyone. We also set up a St James YouTube channel to be able to stream services.

Summer services were provided to us this year by members of the congregation which we were grateful for.

We did a Blessing of the Fleet Service on Aug 15th at The Government Wharf.

Feedback from the congregation is very important to us and we use that feedback to make adjustments to the services. It is important to us that everyone has input. We welcome new members. Please join us for a meeting to see if it is something you would be interested in participating in.

We would like to thank Rev Helene for helping us in session. Her leadership is respected and valued immensely.

Respectfully submitted, Sara Scarfe

St. James Choir/ Music Ministry

Next month will mark the beginning of the third year of living with Covid-19, and all the ensuing restrictions and ramifications. It has been two full years without a Choir, and without being able to gather for the special services, celebrations and events that are such an integral part of our worship and community here at St. James. It has been two years of changes and adaptation to the way we worship and offer our music ministry, through both in-house services and virtual pre-recorded services.

Despite these changes and restrictions, I feel very blessed to be part of this faithful and resilient faith community, and I am very grateful to our congregation, community, "on-line" adherents, and all those who are part of this music ministry. Because of these people, we were able to offer music in all of our regular services, as well as provide music for many special services including: Good Friday, Easter, Blessing of the Fleet, Fishermen's Service, Remembrance Day and Christmas Eve.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following people for their continued service and dedication to St. James: Rev. Helene, for her amazing leadership throughout these challenging times, and for sharing her musical gifts, Sara Scarfe, for her faithfulness as our wonderful song leader and soloist, and Jennifer Moss, our talented organist, pianist and flautist. Thank you also to Gary Burns, Jackie Garrison, Crystal Gilkie, John Stewart and Faith Moss for your willingness to share your beautiful musical gifts. Thank you to our steadfast and hard-working technical team who record, edit, post and livestream our services each Sunday, and those who add their talents and skills "behind the scenes" in the production of the recordings: Bill Stewart, Gary Burns, Kirk Moss, Lou Stewart and John Stewart. All of you have so generously given of your time and talent to enhance this Music Ministry.

I would also like to acknowledge Jeanne Henneberry, who passed on last month to her Heavenly home. Jeanne was a long-time member of the St. James Choir, and she will be dearly missed.

My hope and prayer for 2022 is to once again welcome back our choir and congregation - until then, we will continue to provide worship music in accordance with Public Health Guidelines, and welcome anyone who would like to take part in this music ministry.

Thank you all for your faithfulness and continued support,

Respectfully submitted, Susan Feltmate

Thinking of You Meals

Well, it seems 2021 was not much different than 2020, as far as having Covid in our midst and people unable to come out to socialize and have a meal at our church, so we continued with our Thinking of You Meals within our church community. A small group of faithful cooks prepared a meal at the church once a month and a couple willing people came out to help with delivering the meals to folks that were so excited and grateful to see them at their door, holding a bag with their name on it, with something yummy for their lunch inside. Here's hoping that 2022 will be a different story as far as Covid is concerned but we are willing to reach out with our monthly meals as long as we feel the need is there to let someone know that they are being warmly thought of.

Respectfully submitted, Barb Reyno

St. James Sunday School and Vacation Bible School

This year we were not able to meet in-person due to Covid-19. Instead, we had Inter-generational services throughout the year involving children of the Sunday School. We pre-recorded an Ash Wednesday service at which the children put ashes on each other's foreheads. We had in-person services with the children during Lent; on Easter Sunday; Camping Sunday; All Hallow's Eve; Advent 1 Greening of the Church; Advent 3 White Gifts and Mitten Tree. In the lead-up to Easter Jennifer Moss posted several craft-making segments on the St. James YouTube channel. At various services we had Conversation Time which often featured little Buddy the bear puppet. We thank Jennifer and all who helped in any way.

Vacation Bible School, normally held in August, was not held due to Covid-19.

We miss our children and look forward to the time when they can attend Sunday School again.

Submitted by Rev. Helene Burns

St. James Pastoral Care Team

As the pandemic continued through 2021, our church community continued to stay close in spirit through prayer, phone calls, some in person services and by use of virtual connections.

The Pastoral Care Team (Reverend Helene Burns, Pat Thomas, Eleanor Schnare, Diana Walker Ross) were able to meet in person once in the fall and have since been staying connected mid-month via emails.

Pat Thomas has stayed attentive to any need for community / church supports and this has greatly helped Eleanor Schnare's efforts to continue sending out her thoughtful cards of support.

Reverend Helene Burns has remained very aware and available to offer her ongoing pastoral support during these continuing pandemic months.

Please feel free to contact us with any prayer requests or interest in the Pastoral Care process at St.James United Church here in Sambro. We are all in this together.

Thank-you,
Take care everyone!
Diana Walker -Ross

St. James Financial Narrative & Statement

For St. James United Church, this has been another Covid-19 year where services have been in person for some Sundays and virtual for others, but what have remained constant are the minister's supportive message, the inspirational music, the congregation's warmth, and our community's support. We are lucky to have so many talents from a treasury team, with members that have been around more than 25 years, plus carpenters, cooks that serve meals for takeout and home service, and much more. Our church is synonymous with "it takes a village to raise a child" – "it takes a congregation and community to create a loving, welcoming and warm place of worship", whether the place is the church or your home. Thanks to everyone.

Though the Board of Management account ended the year with a \$1,653.94 deficit, this does not highlight the exceptional work done by congregational members. The Pastoral Charge Treasurers got more than \$12,000 in government funds, while a small group of people assisted with drive-thru suppers resulting in \$9,463. Equally important, although not financially, a small group of champions continued the church's work through online worship during the most crucial times. Thanks to everyone.

In summary, the Board of Management account balance ended the year with \$23,836.73 (-\$1,653.94 from 2021), the building fund ended with a balance of \$29,287.80 (-\$2,038.84 from 2021), and our M&S contribution was \$3,653.

Other noted facts include the collected PAR donations of \$30,971. Given the continued pandemic restriction, we would encourage more of you to join PAR. For more information, please go to our website. Giving Monthly through PAR | The United Church of Canada (united-church.ca)

In closing, 2022 will be a very challenging year as we project a \$20,000 deficit. We hope that some of you might consider increasing your PAR, enrolling in PAR, offer a one-time donation here Donations | sambrojollimore (sambrojollimorepc.com), or offering up whatever you can. We are so blessed to have a community that has supported St James United for many years and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Greg Reinhardt & Barb Reyno, on behalf of the St. James United Board of Management



Financial Statement

St James United Church

Jan 1 2021 - Dec 31 2021

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Investment / Receptions Dinner Theatre / Supper / CD Local Fund Donations HST Rebate

Sub total Donations

Budget 2021	Current	2020 A ctuals
\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
\$ 7,500.00	\$ 9,463.00	\$ 6,795.00
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 53,968.33	\$ 52,240.50
\$ 500.00	\$ 284.50	\$ 451.45
\$ 73,000.00	\$ 78,715.83	\$ 74,488.95

Expenses

Caretak er Bank Service charges Church fuel - OIL Pre-authorized / Stripe fees Miscellaneous Nova Scotia Power

Nova Scotia Power Organist Pastoral charge share

Sub total Expenses

2700.00	\$ 2,754.82	2325.84
500.00	\$ 112.65	98.16
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300.00	\$ 280.98	301.67
2500.00	\$ 1,912.90	2531.58
6000.00	\$ 4,668.44	1969.12
7500.00	\$ 8,640.00	7220.00
74400.00	\$ 62,000.00	55800.00
\$ 93,900.00	\$ 80,369.77	\$ 74,758.47

Net income

Board of Management Balance

Opening balance 2020 Balance

Current Operating Balance

\$	25,490.67
S	(1,653.94)
\$	23,836.73

\$ (1,653.94)

Building Fund Donations

Building fund donations + Dinner theatre HST rebate Sub total Donations

Expenses

Church insurance Dorian repairs Heat Pump Church repairs

Sub total Expenses

1	Current
S	4,776.64
\$	114.61
S	4,891.25

\$ 4,294.12 \$ -\$ -\$ 2,635.97

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Net income

Building Fund Balance

Opening balance Current Year

\$	31,326.64
Ş	(2,038.84)
\$	29.287.80

Investment

Opening balance Current Balance Withdrawn during year Annual earnings Unit

Unit Cost

\$ 10.5859

\$ 12.8856

19,784.78 19,926.45

\$ (20,900.00)

\$ 209,227.78 \$ 256,764.32 \$ (15,000.00) \$ 47,536.55

M&S

Total Donations

\$ 3,653.50



Financial Statement

St James United Church

Jan 1 2022 - Dec 31 2022

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Investment / Receptions Dinner Theatre / Supper / CD Local Fund Donations HST Rebate

Sub total Donations

Budget 2022	Current- 202
\$ 15,000.00	S -
\$ 10,000.00	S -
\$ 55,000.00	S -
\$ 250.00	S -

\$ 15,000.00 \$ 9,463.00 \$ 53,968.33 \$ 284.50

\$ 78,715.83

Expenses

Caretak er Bank Service charges Church fuel -OIL

Pre-authorized / Stripe fees

Miscellaneous Nova Scotia Power

Organist

Pastoral charge share

Sub total Expenses

2775.00	S	-	2754.82
500.00	S	-	112.65
0.00	S	-	0.00
300.00	S	-	280.96
2500.00	S	-	1912.90
6000.00	S	-	4668.44
9000.00	S	-	8640.00
74400.00	S	-	62000.00

\$ 95,475.00

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\$ 80,369.77

\$ (15,225.00)

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\$ (1,653.94)

Net income

Board of Management Balance

Opening balance 2020 Balance Current Operating Balance \$ 23,836.73 \$ -\$ 23,836.73

Building Fund Donations

Building fund donations + Dinner theatre HST rebate

Sub total Donations

	Current
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Expenses

Church insurance Dorian repairs Heat Pump Church repairs

Sub total Expenses

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Net income

Building Fund Balance

Opening balance Current Year

Opening balance

Current Balance

Annual earnings

Withdrawn during year

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\$ 29,287.80 \$ -**\$ 29,287.80**

Investment

Unit Cost

\$ 12.8856 \$ 12.8856 Units 19,926.45

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\$ 256,764.32 \$ 256,764.32 \$ -

M&S

Total Donations

\$ -