

**Stettler United Church**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting-March 4, 2018**

**Opening:**

The annual general meeting of the Stettler United Church was called to order at 11:32 on March 4, 2018 by Chair James Tennant There were 25 people in attendance.

**Enabling Motions**

E18.1 MOTION by Dave Goodwin SECONDED by Faye Tennant that all adherents and members can vote on temporal matters for the Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED.

E18.2 MOTION by Joan Baltimore SECONDED By Joyce Wickstrom that James Tennant, as Chair of Official Board, Chair this Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED

E18.3 MOTION by Elpha Senft SECONDED by Marion Sampath that Gayle Tennant act as recording secretary for this Annual Congregational Meeting. CARRIED

Chair, James Tennant recognized and thanked all Board and Committee Members

A18.1 MOTION to amend 17.1 of 2017 to 2016. SECONDED by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2017

A18.2 MOTION by Linda Holton SECONDED by Shirley Hellebo to accept all committee reports as written in the annual report, with the exception of the financial statement and proposed budget. CARRIED

A18.3 MOTION by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin SECONDED by Dave Goodwin to accept the 2017 Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2017 CARRIED

Presentation of the budget by Mary-Lou Manson

A18.4 MOTION by Linda Holton, SECONDED by Dave Goodwin to accept the amended budget for 2017. These amendments include Memorial Fund entries  
CARRIED

Recognition was made to those who resigned or completed their term on the board in the year 2017- Nicole Stratulate, Jack and Elaine Simon, Connie Jackson

A18.5 MOTION Elpha Senft SECONDED Faye Tennant to accept members to the Official Board. This includes, Charlotte Chase, Barbara-Lynn Goodwin, Mary-Lou Manson, James Tennant, Amber Dorsett, Matt Dorsett and Letty Docherty CARRIED

A18.6 MOTION by Joan Baltimore SECONDED by Kate Sanders to allow the Board of Stettler United Church to appoint new Board Members. CARRIED

A18.7 MOTION by Joan Baltimore SECONDED by Linda Holton to reappoint Barbara-Lynn Goodwin and Joyce Wickstrom as Presbytery Representatives. CARRIED

A18.8 MOTION by Barbara-Lynn Goodwin SECONDED by Joyce Wickstrom to reappoint the Board of Trustees – Joan Baltimore, Gerry Bennett, John Penner, Betty Birch, Ward Krecji CARRIED

A18.9 MOTION by Marion Sampath SECONDED by Shirley Hellebo to thank the Ministerial staff for 2017. This includes, Jan Richardson, and administrative staff Michele Selinger. CARRIED

James Tennant thanked the JC club leaders and all those on committees. A huge thank you to the UCW for their service and ongoing financial support

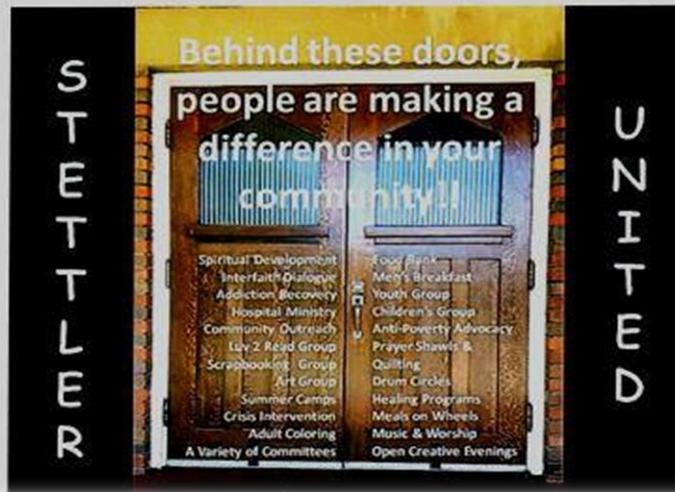
A18.10 MOTION by Mary-Lou Manson SECONDED by Kate Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 12:30

Respectfully submitted by  
Gayle Tennant, Secretary

## Those Present:

Isabel Kerl  
Joan Baltimore  
Judy Bennett  
Gerry Bennett  
Faye Tennant  
Letty Docherty  
Jenny Holubetz  
Linda Holton  
Elpha Senft  
Marion Sampath  
Dorothy Penner  
Jeanne Sinclair

Joan Cornelssen  
Vivian Hinkle  
Kate Sanders  
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin  
Dave Goodwin  
Mary-Lou Manson  
Joyce Wickstrom  
Shirley Hellebo  
Ron Senft  
John Penner  
Mac Sinclair



## BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Once again, greetings to all. This has been a busy year for the board, as well as the Church in general.

As you are all aware, Jan will be taking her sabbatical leave in 2019. As a result, the board has been tasked with some additional preparations and fund raising to help schedule coverage and offset additional expenses. An Ad Hoc committee was formed for fundraising and, so far, has been very successful.

We will not be pursuing a summer student this year, as we feel there would not be adequate staff for supervision.

Again, unfortunately, we have lost some long time congregation members over the past year, leaving some great voids in our membership.

We have been, and are working on some upgrades to Church equipment, in cooperation with the Rotary Club which utilizes and very much appreciates the facility and the meals our ladies serve each week.

This will be my last term as chairperson, so I will be actively looking for a replacement to assume my duties next year. If you are interested, let myself or another board member know, and I would love to have you come and spend some time at a board meeting or two, so you have an understanding of what we do at the mysterious meetings we have ten times a year.

Again, I have nothing but praise for our congregation, as although we be small in numbers, we are mighty in achievements. Also, thanks to all of the serving board members, as you are all a pleasure to work with.

Thanks again to the congregation for all of your help and cooperation over the year, and I look forward to serving you for the next year.

Respectfully submitted  
Jim Tennant  
Board chairperson

### **Jan Richardson's contribution to the Annual Report for 2018**

This year began with a pall hanging over our congregation and community. Pam Blake's life was celebrated on January 5, 2018. As with most funerals (and despite frustrations with electronics and attention to detail that may have been lacking or wrongly arranged) we gathered to laugh, cry, sing and share our way into gratitude (the theme she'd chosen) for her life among us and the love that lingers.

Having an attitude of gratitude is anything but glib. It's our "best practice" as we move forward in faith.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in ministry with Stettler United Church, a diverse congregation of gifted, talented, venturesome, dedicated people at work in God's world. I am grateful for those who -- at any age or stage -- come to join in worship, or the small group ministries, concerts and events we host. I treasure my colleagues; especially our Women In Ministry luncheons, frequent visits and discussions David (St. George's Anglican) and Barbara (Big Valley-Erskine United) and the network available electronically. I am grateful for the teachable moments, hugs, hellos, pastoral visits, and constructive conversations that result from simply having my office door open or being out in the community. While some people have little idea what to expect from a church or minister, many seem to trust they'll be heard and welcomed no matter their questions or circumstance. Thus, I give thanks for the many ways we come alongside each other to serve and share.

Admittedly, I'm not always appreciative for being pulled in multiple directions; for having change be the constant; for inconsistencies and misunderstandings. Therefore, I'm indebted to those who help me/us learn from our mistakes, communicate well, be realistic, define priorities and live with hope rooted in the grace of God.

Planning for my Sabbatical began early in the year. Together with the M&P committee, Coronation Presbytery, Bob, Michele, and our Board, I ended up setting the goal of participating in the Badlands Passion Play, May - July 2019. My hope is that immersing myself in the group of 200 professional and amateur musicians and actors will improve my capacity for storytelling, music and memorization. I look forward to the conversing and cooperating with people from a wide spectrum of Christian understandings and a breadth of age and experience. I hope to be renewed body, mind and spirit.

Throughout the year, I've been grateful to Michele for being here for staff meetings and the "go to" person for IT support, and more. Greatly I thank and admire all those who fulfill roles and responsibilities in our church and let intuition and integrity be their guide. It's a good and wonderful thing to listen, learn, laugh, and pray alongside one another.

- **Sundays away during 2018:**

February 4 (study time); April 8 (family time, Lethbridge); May 13 (Conference Sunday in Edmonton); July 29 – August 26 (holiday time); October 28 (family time); November 11 (no service at Stettler United); and December 30 (family time, worship hosted at Anglican church).

- **Study Leave/Continuing Education:**

- Godly Play storytelling workshop in Wetaskiwin
- Webinar focusing on ethical/professional boundaries in utilizing social media, February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Write Out Loud, six sessions, Stettler Adult Learning, Feb. 16 – March 23
- Reading/Refreshment Week ~ April 2-9<sup>th</sup>
- Minister reCall event, May 8-9, in Edmonton
- Webinar ~ Intergenerational church
- Dope Sick... fentanyl awareness
- Stewardship Event in Red Deer, with Rev. Dr. Christopher Levan
- Dementia Informed Care, workshop @ Red Deer hospital

- **Active in Wider Church:**

- Chairperson, Innovative Ministries Division, Coronation Presbytery
- Supervising Minister, First United Church, Hanna
- Pastoral Visitation to Big Valley-Erskine United Churches
- AB & NWST Conference ~ May 10-13, Sherwood Park
- Coordinated the neighbouring United Churches to have a worship service in June at Bar Harbour Camp
- Executive & Full Presbytery Meetings, including hosting the November (final) meeting here at Stettler United Church



- **Visible in the Community:** a patron of the arts; yoga, walking and cycling; participating in Wee Reader program @ Stettler Elementary; interview with Grade 9 Social Studies students; shopping locally and sharing globally; showing a keen interest in the common good and quality of life choices in many ways...

- **Holidays** ~ July 28 – August 28



Goodwins & Richardson, quartet

**Annual Report Coronation Presbytery 2018**

The work of Coronation Presbytery in 2018 focussed on completing projects, bringing closure to our financial and relational commitments , and working on becoming a new region. We also took time to show gratitude to those who have done work in Coronation Presbytery over the years it has existed. At our last gathering we dedicated time to appreciate to our "old" selves and imagine how we, "God's People", will do the work we are called to do within a new structure.

**Presbytery and Executive Meetings:**

I attended three of the four regular meetings: February 28, 2018 at Trinity United Church in Coronation; April 24 - 25, 2018 in Oyen United Church; September 26, 2018 at Knox United Church in Killam; and November 20 -21, 2018 at Stettler United Church. As the Pastoral Relations Convenor for Coronation Presbytery, I met with the presbytery executive seven times: January 19, March 20, March 22, April 25, June 14, September 13, and November 7, 2018.

**Presentations:**

February: Kathy Yamashita - Mission and Service trip to Kenya

Les Parsons - coaching at the Winter Olympics in Pyeong Chang, South Korea

Helen Reed - Evangelism Group of Alberta and Northwest Conference

Helen Reed - Regional Boundaries

April: Lavera Goodeye - The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People

September: Orange Shirt Day - recognition of Reconciliation and Residential Schools

Deanna Cox - Paddle the Battle

November: Alan Buckingham - Technology and Your Rural Church  
Denise Davis-Taylor - Faith Lift/ Guatemala Pilgrimage

Heather Carlson and OhWang Kwon - Intercultural Event review

Jenny Munholland and Isaac Hernando - GO Project

Deanna Cox, Alwin Maben, BL Goodwin - GC43

Completing the work of Coronation Presbytery included:

- property sales and land titles registrations
- allocating grant monies to Bar Harbour and Hardisty Lake Camps, Summer Day Camps (6), U of A Faith Lift, Go Project, Messy Church, Pilgrimage of the Battle River
- remaining refugee funds redirected to Living in Right Relations and Intercultural Standing Committee
- all remaining funds were divided between Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit Regions
- proposals sent to ANWC and GC43: e-mail meetings/language in the manual/administering sacraments
- hired Helen Reed as .25 FTE Minister of Administration to implement remits and transition to the 3-court structure
- pastoral visits and manse inspections completed
- supervisors placed in communities of faith where needed

**Events attended by Coronation Presbytery representatives:**

ANWC Women's Conference - April 12-14, 2018

ANWC in Sherwood Park - May 10-13, 2018

Coronation UCW Gathering in Drumheller - June 8, 2018

Intercultural Event - September

ANWC Living in Right Relations - October 26-28, 2018

## **Alberta and Northwest Final Conference** - May 10-13, 2018 in Sherwood Park

Twelve proposals from ANW conference went forward to General Council 43. Our Executive Secretaries, Shannon McCarthy and Bill Doyle, reported on their activities throughout ANW conference to assist with the structural change of the United Church. Shannon spent much of 2017-18 visiting presbyteries across three provinces (Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta) working on various aspects of communication to connect pastoral charges across these conferences. Bill Doyle concentrated his efforts on property/land titles/corporate and business aspects of the changeover. Important information for delegates at the conference included the following:

- there will be 16 regions across Canada replacing presbyteries and conferences
- 6 Executive Ministers will provide oversight to 2 or 3 regions each
- Doug Goodwin is the Executive Minister for Regions 1 and 3 (BC and Southern Alberta) until June 2019
- each region will be staffed by a Pastoral Relations Minister, an administrative assistant and an Office of Vocations staff member
- each region will have a provisional council until regional annual meetings take place
- each pastoral charge will send 2-3 representatives to the regional meeting in June 2019
- presbyteries decide how to disperse remaining funds
- already existing projects, networks, and clusters will continue their work in each region

## **General Council 43:** "Risking Faith, Daring Hope" July 21-27 in Oshawa, Ontario

I was one of 27 elected commissioners representing ANW Conference. Three commissioners represented Coronation Presbytery: Deanna Cox, Alwin Maben, and Barbara-Lynn Goodwin. In preparation for the event, we attended 8 webinars throughout May, June and early July. Upon arrival at the conference, we attended "listening" sessions, "discussion" seminars and finally "decision" plenary sessions. This business model provided opportunities for all participants to have a voice. Electronic voting procedure was quick and efficient. Over 100 proposals were discussed and voted upon.

Our ecumenical and global partners presented valuable insights into the world-wide work of the United Church. Presentations from Intercultural Ministries, the Caretakers of the Indigenous Circle, IRIDESCE, youth delegates and others showed us the new directions our church is taking. Important information:

- all remits with the exception of One Order of Ministry were passed
- visit [www.united-church/GC43](http://www.united-church/GC43) for information regarding voting results, updates and implementation
- our new moderator is Richard Bott - a biography is found in the September 2018 issue of *The Observer* and on the UC website.
- commissioners were urged to remind their communities of faith to listen and hear the voices of those who are racialized, marginalized, or unrecognized in our communities and work alongside them to find their voice.
- updates can be found on-line at [info@generalcouncil43.ca](mailto:info@generalcouncil43.ca)
- You can follow the link below to view the video of the commissioners from Coronation Presbytery GC43.  
<https://1drv.ms/v/s!AreTFzzJ1N5AhsN0h9VYXg89B29k2g>

### **Chinook Winds Region:**

As of January 1, 2019, Stettler United Church is in the Chinook Winds Region which spans south from Highway 13 to the US border. The regional office is in the Okotoks United Church. Visit [chinookwinds@united-church.ca](mailto:chinookwinds@united-church.ca). The Provisional Council is chaired by Helen Reed until June 7-8, 2019 when regional representatives will meet and vote for a council executive. Executive Minister - Doug Goodwin (oversight); Pastoral Relations Minister - Lee Spice (support for communities of faith in transition). An office administrator will be hired early in 2019. Office of Vocation staff person - TBA (education and training pathways, screening, oversight and discipline).

I have been privileged to work with so many dedicated and passionate people throughout this process. We have done ground-breaking work that will lay the foundation for many years of faithful and good work. I am prepared to continue to represent Stettler United Church at the Chinook Winds Region in the coming year if you so wish.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin  
Coronation Presbytery Lay Representative



## TRUSTEES

Betty Birch, Gerry Bennett, John Penner  
Ward Krejci, Joan Baltimore

On April 16, 2018 we reviewed the policy for insurance and coverage for the year ending June 01, 2019. Gerry submitted measurements for the hot water tanks, as requested, and we were advised they met standards. At our November 08, 2018 meeting Ward advised us that he had met with our church administrator, and entries were made to record the equity report for 2017.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan F. Baltimore.

## **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Charlotte Chase, Sylvia Peters, Yvonne Yaremccio,  
Linda Holton, Connie Jackson

**We are "In Ministry together", and the M & P Committee strives to promote harmonious relationships within and among the Ministry Personnel, Staff, and the Pastoral Charge. Our work is a balance of supportive and supervisory roles. We care for Jan and Michele by listening, encouraging, and helping work through any issues. We help guide our staff to ensure the ministry needs of this congregation are met, and we encourage the congregation to provide us with feedback about the effectiveness of our Ministry.**

Our staffing levels remain the same, Jan is our full-time minister and Michele is our part-time office administrator. We also recognize and appreciate the many volunteers in our congregation make significant contributions that enable this congregation to continue its ministry in this community.

Consistently we met with Jan and Michele to discuss celebrations and concerns. In 2018 many discussions were focused around Jan's sabbatical which starts in May of 2019.

Thank you to Jan for her continued guidance and care as she seeks to help each of us grow in faith and journey together as a family through the good times and challenging times. Thank you to Michele for calmly keeping the administrative side of things organized, and also thank you for your contributions to our small group ministries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Chase  
Chair M&P

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Joyce Wickstrom, Sue Stratulate, Mary-Lou Manson

It has been a good 2018 for the Worship Committee. The worship committee meets monthly to discuss the needs for Sunday worship

and are happy that Sue Stratulate joined our group which was wonderful being we are so few.

We performed our normal duties as worship committee. Filling in on the Sundays Jan's away, preparing communion, replacing candles and changing banners. Also decorating the Christmas tree and sanctuary, preparing for Lent, Easter, Thanksgiving and getting ready the snacks and refreshments for Light and Hope, Choir Fest and fundraisers.



Worship Committee would like to thank Jan for she is so patient and easy to work with, Odd Job Bob for his extra hands when needed, the Choir, Barbara-Lynn/Dave, Bob and Malcolm for the wonderful music at Sunday service. Also a big thank-you to the volunteers who pitch in with the audio-visuals, readers and greeters.

Without volunteers we would not be able to keep our special Church going.

Blessings to All  
Respectfully Submitted by:  
Mary-Lou Manson  
Chair, Worship Committee

## **SENIOR CHOIR**

The ministry of music by the choir is focused on complimenting the message of the day. Through good fellowship and commitment, the choir members achieve this goal. We sing on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of every month, except July and August. When invited, the choir assists with funeral services and other special occasions.



Our Choir hosted the annual Carol Festival which involved choirs:

- ✚ Heartland Belles
- ✚ The Erskine United Church
- ✚ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- ✚ The Stettler Senior Singers
- ✚ The Happy Gang
- ✚ Quartet ~ Richardson's & Goodwin's
- ✚ Three Amigos
- ✚ The Stettler United Church Choir.

The proceeds were donated to the Stettler and District Food Bank.

The people who make this successful include:

- ✚ Wendy Airey
- ✚ Joe Baltimore
- ✚ Dale Chapman
- ✚ Joan Cornelssen
- ✚ Geraldine Dennis
- ✚ Bryan Gray
- ✚ Elaine Williams
- ✚ Jenny Zylstra

**The Three Amigos  
&  
Stettler United  
Church Choir**



Evelyn Shursen is the conductor and she and Elaine Hennel are accompanists. and accompanist. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join our musical ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Evelyn Shursen, Choir Director

### **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE**

Barbara-Lynn Goodwin, Mervyn and Marilyn Penfound,  
Janie Von Krogh, Linda Day, Margaret Medland,  
Lynn Derwantz, and Sandi Hagen  
with support from Jan & Michele.

As I look back on 2018 I am thankful for the great group of willing members who make up the Pastoral Care Committee. It is a pleasure

to work with these people as well as Jan our minister and Michele our office administrator.

We stepped outside of the norm this past year and changed a couple of our annual events which we feel went well. This committee has been looking after Birthday Sunday for many years and we decided to change to Birthday Pie Sunday. The change to pie was enjoyed by many. We also changed our annual visits to residents in Heart Haven, Paragon Place, Willow Creek and Points West. We took goodies and had residents share their faith journey via individual conversations with us. All seemed to enjoy the interaction. Marguerite Baugh encouraged us to read from her story as written by her son to start the visits.

Monthly church services are held in each of the five lodges and care homes in Stettler as well. We thank Barbara-Lynn and David Goodwin for providing music ministry for these services as they are able. At least one committee member tries to attend the services.

We assisted in a few baptisms this past year and want to thank the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful shawls they make to be gifted.

In January we prepared and hosted our first chili lunch. This was a good mixer for after worship.

In September we championed "Welcome Sunday" as a change to our fall programming. We asked each small group and committee to have a table and provide information on their groups and provide finger food. This was a type of progressive lunch which went over well. Before the event we hand delivered newsletters to all those living in town who do not get the email newsletter.

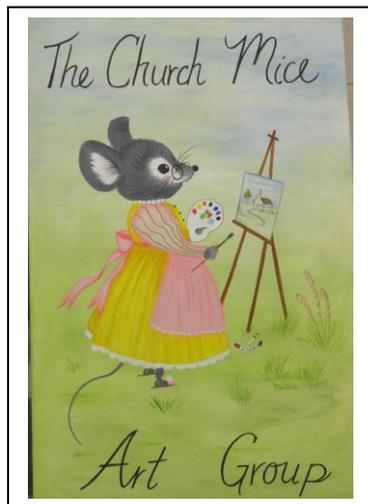
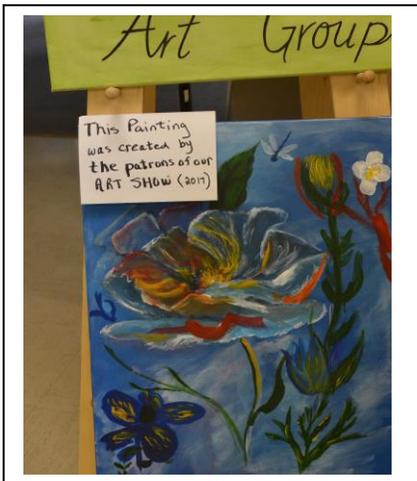
Bereavement cards are sent out monthly to family members that have experienced a recent loss. We thank Elaine Simon for looking after this task and for her time and commitment to the committee. We are sorry that she has resigned from the committee. The committee sent out invitations to the Service of Light & Hope held in December.

Finding folks to usher, greet, and make coffee & tea after church is a big committee task. We are grateful to all that offer their time to help with these things.

As we look forward to 2019 we will strive to contribute to the pastoral needs of the congregation and to support Jan our Minister in caring for our church family.

Respectfully Submitted  
Linda Day

## WELCOME SUNDAY

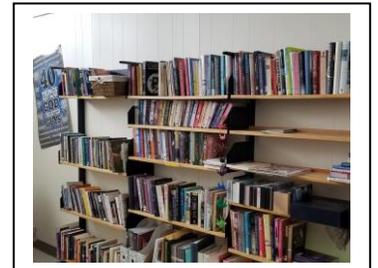






## **The Library Report for 2018**

We did a major culling of books etc to freshen our shelves this year. So to remind everyone our mandate on our books is that we accept gently used books only. We do not accept old worn, torn, out dated, written in books. We want our library to look nice all year round.



Respectfully Submitted,  
Gayle Tennant

## **SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES**

### **Adult Coloring 2018**

This last year was quiet as far as coloring due to the changes and busyness of everyone's schedules. We met on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm and enjoyed talking, laughing, and admiring each other's work. For 2019 we will meet on a "when we can" basis. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun; the dates and times will be announced in the weekly announcements.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Selinger

### **Church Mice Art Group**

The Church Mice Art group consists of approximately 14 persons, who attend when they can. We meet every Wednesday from 10 am until 4

pm January to May and from September to the end of November. We bring our lunch, including goodies, and share articles, experiences and stories.

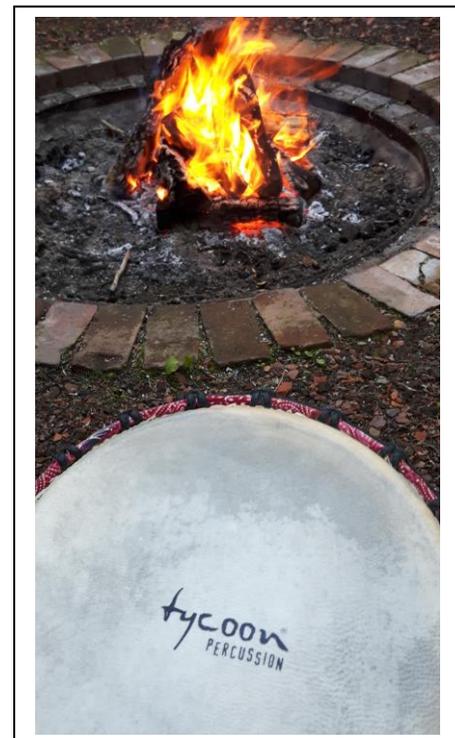
All paint mediums are used and we share materials and ideas when asked. Member's range from beginners to accomplished artists. On May 12<sup>th</sup> we had a one day Art Show and Sale in the CE Wing. We are pleased to have new members join us at any time. There is a \$2.00 charge to cover the cost of tea, coffee, and overhead usage, at the end of May we gave the church \$445.75. We have a lot of fun learning and enjoying other member's talents and experiences. We welcome all to join us even if it is only for part of the day.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan Baltimore



## Drum Circle

Another successful year of drum circle under our belts. As in previous years we continue to welcome new participants, our regular attendees including congregation members and folks with no previous church involvement. We usually gather in the CE wing, but events have led to us using the sanctuary a few times (the acoustics and vibration in this space are fantastic!) which we all enjoy. We managed to get one evening of drumming "outside around the fire" as Jan and Bob invited us out to the lake to share their space, of course we enjoyed a wide variety of "outside" food. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup>



Wednesday of each month (with the exception of summer and December, those dates if we hold a circle will be posted on the announcements and facebook) at 7:30 with a short "snack", fellowship break, before we finish. Everyone is welcome to join us ~ no experience necessary ~ and you don't need your own drum. It is a powerful, positive experience that leaves everyone feeling great after.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michele Selinger & Bob Richardson

## Luv2Read

As we surpass our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are still going strong. We choose our books once a year at Food and Favourites Evening and always have more choices than we can manage in a year. Stettler Public Library brings in the books for us to read each month. Please join us once a month for interesting discussions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gayle Tennant

## The Prayer Shawl Group

The Prayer Shawl Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 2 to 4 pm, January to May and September to the end of November. Our gathering begins with lighting a candle and reading a prayer or a story relative to our mandate, and the new shawls are blessed. Concerns for those in need are presented as we work on our shawls.

Since our inception in February, 2008, we have made 1,286 shawls. Shawls have been given to persons in need, locally and beyond. Sincere thanks to the person(s) who have bought/given cash donations for fabric and yarn, and to Superfluity who gave us a donation of \$300.00. All are welcome to come and join in whenever you can.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Baltimore



## Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meet at the Church CE Wing, every Wednesday morning at 7 am to cook and share breakfast together. The group also serves breakfast for special occasions at the Church and some community events.

We experienced some growth this past year with some new people joining and adding to the lively discussions.

The \$5.00 fee covers the cost of breakfast supplies with a surplus that is donated to worthwhile causes agreed to by the group. During 2018 the following donations were made:

- Jan/16/2018 \$135.48 To Wendy Airey to reimburse her for choir party supplies
- Apr/18/2018 \$290.50 To Gerald Bennett for Easter Sunday Breakfast supplies
- Oct/17/2018 \$500.00 To Stettler United Church towards concrete repairs
- Oct/17/2018 \$500.00 To the Stettler Food Bank

The group's current savings account balance is \$899.85. Interest is subsidized by Boys Financial Services at 0.25%.

Everyone is welcome. There is plenty of room at the table for you and any friends you want to bring with you.. Come join us.

Respectfully Submitted.  
Gerry Bennett and Peter Boys

## Quilting Group

Our Quilting Group meets the first and third Tuesdays from 11 am to 4 pm, from January to May and September to the end of November. We bring our own lunch and do sharing at that time, also reading a story about quilters and their tips. Quilts were given to the women's shelters, the children's hospitals, Ronald Mc



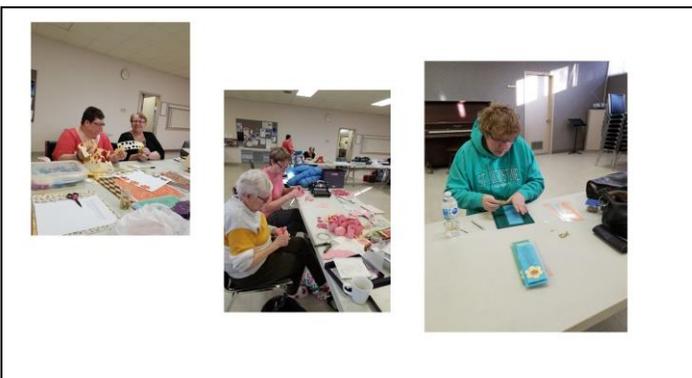
Donald House in Red Deer, FCSS for the homeless, and some to the church bazaar to sell. To date, we have made 290 quilts. Donations of backing fabric, cash and the \$300.00 donation from Superfluity are much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Baltimore

### Scrapplers Unite Report for 2018

We are happily Scrapbooking, making cards, doing crafts and whatever projects people want to work on. We have had new people join us which makes our group varied and welcoming. Please join us once a month to do your crafts.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gayle Tennant & Debbie Doell



Scrapper's worked ~ injuries and all to finish the bookmark tags for the quilters. Thank you too all the scrapper's!

## **Christian Education/Faith Formation (2018)**

While we do not have an active committee in this area, we celebrate the learning and leading that comes from children, youth and adults who grow and share in shaping one another's faith lives.

### **JC (Junior Christians) Club & YAC (Youth at Church):**

After a lapse in leadership early in the year, it was marvelous to have Sue Stratulate step forward to start JC Club again in September. The format of this class is very basic because the children are very young. Wendy Staal continues to coordinate the Grade 5+ Youth-At-Church. The Facebook Messenger group connects all the families with children/youth in the exchange of information and resource materials. Quite understandably, Sunday attendance is sporadic, so it's very much appreciated when we all help each other do our best.

### **Lunch, Laughter and Learning:**

On Fridays, over lunch, I lead an informal Bible study. David Holmes, from St. George's Anglican, is usually in attendance as well. While we're often few in number, it's great to talk things through and find the touch-stones within the texts for our faith lives and worship services.



**Lenten Series 2018**  
**Embracing Emergence Christianity**  
*Author, historian and keen cultural observer Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture*  
Thursdays ~ 11:30 – 1:30  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>  
@ Stettler United Church  
Share in a Soup/Bun lunch while we watch the video presentation that then leads into discussion & reflection.  
Come to one, some or all of the six sessions.  
Watch the trailer:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=phxAubdeeNA>



### **Lenten Series:**

This year we tried mid-day gatherings, complete with comfort food (homemade soups). Listening to Phyllis' talks lead to discussing the successive changes in the history of Christianity that continue to influence who we are and what's emerging in this time and place. Participants (up to

20) were from Stettler & Erskine United Churches, and St. George's Anglican.

The theme of emergence was integrated in our worship themes, including décor.

(Thank you, Joyce, Bob, Amber and Louisa!)



**Kids Summer Program:**

Kids Summer Day Camp, July 23-27 was great. Darielle Rairdan – who has years of experience from Bar Harbour Camp -- was a very capable leader and we had lots of other volunteers to help as well. A heartfelt, huge and enthusiastic thank you! Most days we had about 15 children present, and two youth helping. We were pleased to have a family from Delburne United Church commute each day too. Financial support from Coronation Presbytery, and donations from the participants and congregational members, made it possible to more than cover expenses, including honoraria for Darielle.

**Kids Day Camp @ Stettler United Church**  
*Each Day a Day in the Life of Jesus*

Monday July 23, 2018 9:00—noon	Tuesday July 24, 2018 9:00—noon	Wednesday July 25, 2018 9:00—noon	Thursday July 26, 2018 9:00—noon	Friday July 27, 2018 9:00—noon
Christmas	Wilderness	Disciples	Easter	Pentecost

Register your children (entering ECS – Grade 6) as soon as possible.  
 Jan Richardson, along with Darielle Rairdan, will coordinate this event.  
 Teen and adult helpers are most welcome to volunteer for one, some, or all the days.  
 There is no registration fee. No church affiliation necessary.  
 Financial donations are most welcome.  
 Contact: Stettler United Church @ 403-792-3387  
 stettur@telusplanet.net

Respectfully submitted:  
 Jan Richardson



## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

In 2018 the Stettler United Church "Meals on Wheels" volunteer group delivered meals 8 scheduled weeks plus picked up 3 extra days to deliver in the week before Christmas.

Our group has 8 regular volunteers and a few others that help out occasionally and many thanks to all of them. We try to have 2 drivers and 2 "runners" each day and each team of a driver and runner normally delivers about 6 meals each so it usually only takes about an hour to complete deliveries.

Cheryl Smith from FCSS has retired and the new Program Supervisor is Terri Visser.

As with most groups, the Meals on Wheels volunteer core population is getting older and the program is always looking for more helpers. From attending the annual organizational meeting in January, it appears that our United Church group has more volunteers than many others, so if you know of any groups or individuals who would be interested in helping out occasionally, please contact myself at 403-742-6846 or Terri Visser at the FCSS office 403-742-6568.

Respectfully Submitted  
Janie von Krogh

## **STETTLER UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

This year UCW has somehow floated along without a Chair or a Secretary. Heather Baird has continued as Treasurer. In spite of this we had a busy year. We would like to thank the congregation for all the help and support they have given to us for our many projects. The afternoon group does meet for coffee and a visit at Paragon Place but they no longer host family Sundays. The evening group meet monthly and host family Sunday the last Sunday of the month after church.

In February we catered to the Superfluity Shop volunteer dinner. In March we served cake and ice-cream and strawberries at Heart Haven and Willow Creek for their birthday party. This year we served lunch to 8 funerals. There are eight groups who serve lunch every Monday to Rotary as part of our fund-raising efforts. We also catered lunch and supper to the final meeting of Coronation presbytery. Once again we

had a successful fall supper catering roast beef supper to over 350 people in large part because of Betty Birch stepping forward to convene this huge undertaking!! We had a very successful church bazaar on December 1 and a party for the women of the church on December 5 at which we raised over \$425.00 to send to Bissell for Christmas. We also put up a "warm Christmas tree" in the sanctuary in the month of December for people to donate warm items of clothing or blankets to be donated to the local Christmas hamper society. In addition to this we were able to give \$21,000.00 to the church in 2018!!! A very good year.

We would welcome any women who are interested to join UCW to contact Letty Docherty or any UCW member. We have a wonderful fellowship at our meetings and some interesting presentations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Letty Docherty

### **Property**

While we do not have an active committee in this area, we are thankful to have people we can call upon for decision and action as needed.

Dust Fairies are contracted for janitorial services and Bob Richardson for maintenance.

We've seen an increase this year in renting out our meeting space for people to host birthday parties and conferences/presentations. Please spread the word that we're open to share our space for various occasions.

Here are things we've attended to (and some that are ongoing) that help keep our building in good working order:

- Len Day volunteered to paint the exterior trim this summer...  
Thanks!
- From memorial funds, we bought a new table for the Board Room
- Altagas put in a new gas meter and discovered a gas leak in a pilot light in the kitchen stove. Subsequently Burmac replaced thermocouple

- Ampko Electric came to do maintenance and upgrades on the exit/emergency batteries, lights and heads.
- After trouble with fluctuating temperatures, Jim got quotes to replace the cooler in the kitchen. This change happened in January, 2019
- In cooperation with the Rotary Club, Jim Tennant is coordinating upgrades to our audiovisual system
- Jim has also been exploring what will be needed and how best to repair the pipe organ
- Odd-Job-Bob may have found a fix for the furnace outages.

### **STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

As Finance Committee we are responsible for overseeing our Stettler United Church's finances and most importantly drawing up the budget every year for approval.

As treasurer, I call meetings as needed with the board chairman (Jim Tennant), Minister (Jan Richardson), and Administrator (Michele Selinger). Michele does all the hands on work as far as finances go at which time I will add she does an exemplary job taking care of our monies. Also Michele found a company that specializes in Church websites so she worked with them to put a lovely, user friendly new website together and at a very reasonable price, including an online donation tab.

Every year our Church does run at a deficit (approximately \$30,000) this year being no different. That being said thank-you to all who give to keep our church available to its members and the community.

Our congregation is shrinking so of course that means our funds are also dwindling, therefore more fundraisers are needed. Again that can prove to be difficult with fewer working hands. But I will say each and every fundraiser we have there is always enough hard-working bodies to pull off a successful event.

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter statements were sent in the fall and we appreciated how receptive people were to responding with their financial donations and/or joining and/or revising their commitment to PAR (pre-authorized remittance), and/or using the online donation program.

Blessings, thank-you each and every one.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Mary-Lou Manson  
Stettler United Church Treasurer

## **REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Thank you to Mary-Lou and Charlotte, in particular for their work as treasurer and liaison between our Board and the Stettler Refugee Sponsorship Committee. Our commitment ended in November, 2018.

### **Spring Fair, May 5/18**

(as coordinated by Wendy Staal)

Great turn out, the vendors were happy with sales and traffic, and said they would return next year. One vendor asked if we were doing this at Christmas. The pulled pork was a hit, and everyone was happy with the outcome, and felt this type of set up required less volunteer time. A big Thank You to everyone that helped make this a success.



## **OTHER HIGHLIGHTS**

Our website has been redesigned and updated. All events, bulletins, announcements, worship services, special events, and news are updated weekly.

An added feature includes a tab for online giving, this feature is an easy and secure way for anyone to send contributions from wherever they are. Visit our website at: <https://www.stettlerunitedchurch.org/>

If you have any events, news or announcements you want posted, please bring the information to Michele in the office.

2018 was the year for upgrades. Microsoft Word, and Servant Keeper (our contribution software) were both outdated, both programs were updated, and now that the "bugs" are worked out it is smooth sailing.

In keeping with our goal to create exposure around our events and the services offered, we decided to participate in the 2018 Stettler Trade Show. We shared a table with the food bank, and the volunteers handed out brochures, and answered questions.

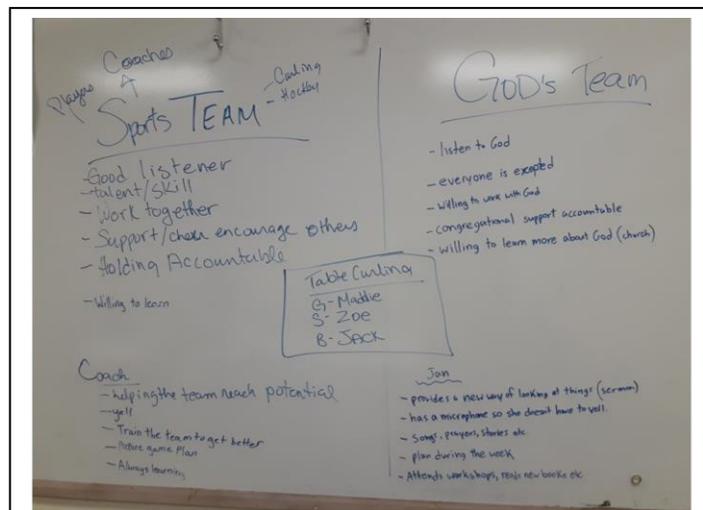
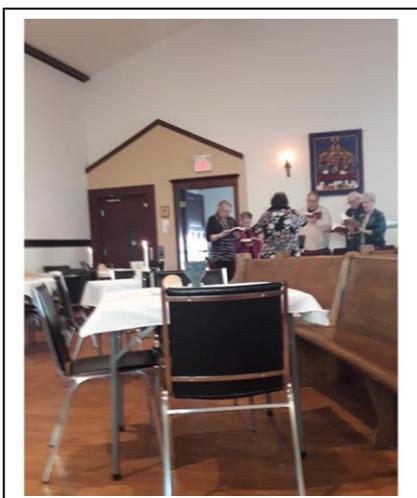


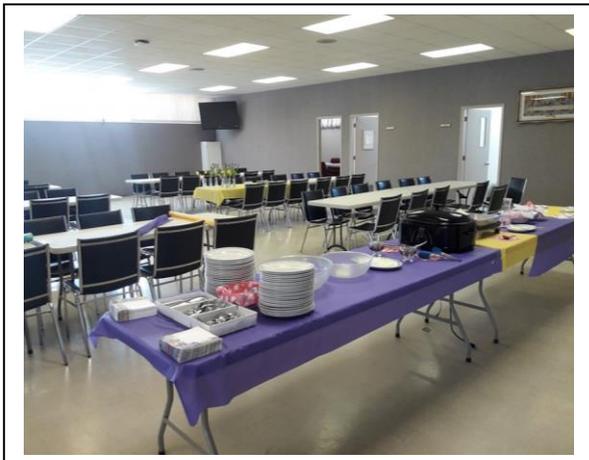
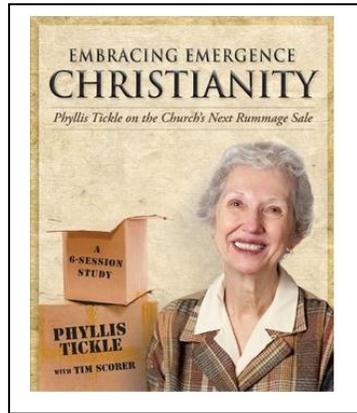
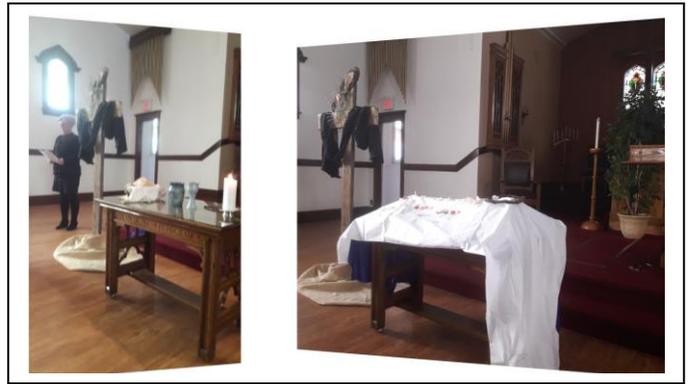
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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stettlerunitedchurch/>

<https://www.facebook.com/StettlerUnitedChurchSmallGroups/>

## PICTORIAL YEAR IN REVIEW





**Singing Our Faith**  
Jim & Jean STRATHDEE  
Internationally honored song writers, worship leaders and concert artists - their music offers hope and encouragement.

**Concert ~ Sunday, April 22**  
Starts at 7:00 pm

Come all music lovers - when we are singing our hope through songs, chorales, prayers, anthems.

Tickets \$25.00 each - includes the Church letter or news sheet. Their new CD & book *Worship of Dawn* will be available for purchase. [www.embracingemerge.com](http://www.embracingemerge.com)

Jim & Jean will offer music in the Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.

**Stettler United Church**  
4820 - 51 Street, Stettler AB  
4020 762-1387  
Office Hours - Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The poster includes two photos: one of Jim and Jean performing on stage with a piano and another of them playing acoustic guitars.





**Church Mice Art Show and Sale**

The Church Mice Art Group would like to invite you to their annual show and sale. A silver collection collected at the door will allow you to enjoy beautiful artwork created in various mediums and techniques, beverages, snacks and the chance to have your name drawn to win original artworks donated by various members of the group.

When: May 12th - 1:00 pm - 4:00pm  
 Where: United Church - EC Wing  
 Image of artwork provided by Dorothy Anderson

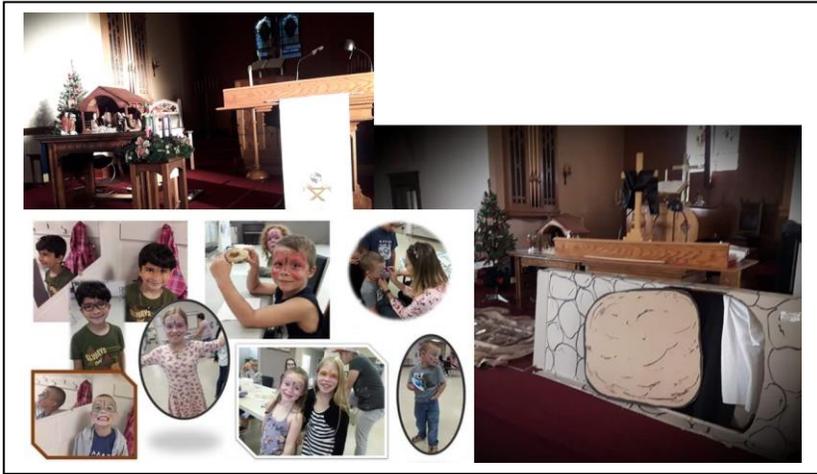


**picture This!**  
 Stettler United Church  
 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Sunday  
 January 28, 2018  
 10:30 a.m.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photo Directory will be distributed.  
 Lunch provided by the Pastoral Care Committee:  
 Chili, Bread/Buns  
 &  
 Anniversary Cake too!  
 Bring a friend.  
 Let's make it a mixer!

Sunday, June 24/18, 10:30 a.m...  
 Worship Service, Brunch, Open House (Special Tours)  
 @ Bar Harbour United Church Camp  
 (Top 405 RR20, County of Stettler (near White Sands))  
 Assistance with Food Prep, Set-Up and Clean-Up is most welcome.  
 Come early with your musical instrument & copies of sheet music for an impromptu choir/accompaniment, for example.  
 The weather and people's needs, will determine whether we worship indoors or outdoors. Perhaps bring lawn chairs & signs of identity.  
 Free-will offerings for Bar Harbour Camp will be received.

Contact person: Jan Richardson  
 @ Stettler United Church  
 (403-763-3387 or 403-760-9195)  
<http://www.stettlerunitedchurch.ca>

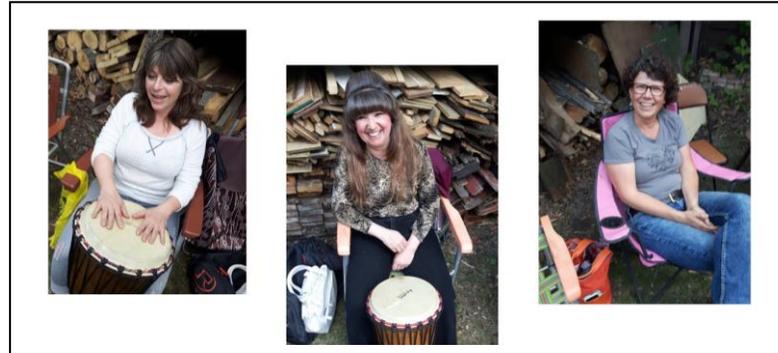
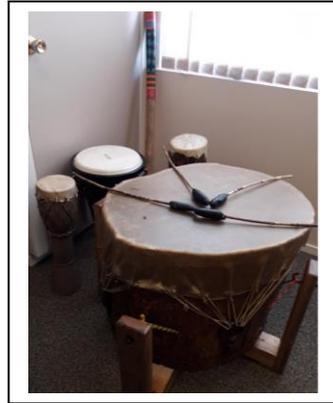


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<b>Christmas</b>	<b>Wilderness</b>	<b>Disciples</b>	<b>Easter</b>	<b>Pentecost</b>

Register your children attending EC2 - Grade 6 as soon as possible.  
 Jan Richardson, along with Denise Sparman, will coordinate this event.  
 Twin and adult helpers are most welcome to volunteer for one, three, or all the days.  
 There is no registration fee. All church affiliation necessary.  
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 Contact: Director, United Church @ 403-760-0267  
[jan@stettler.org](mailto:jan@stettler.org)





# BAR HARBOUR UNITED CHURCH CAMP

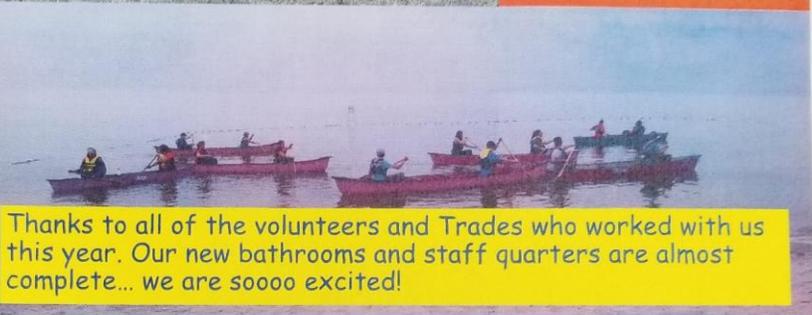
207 Campers  
4 weeks of camp



Bar  
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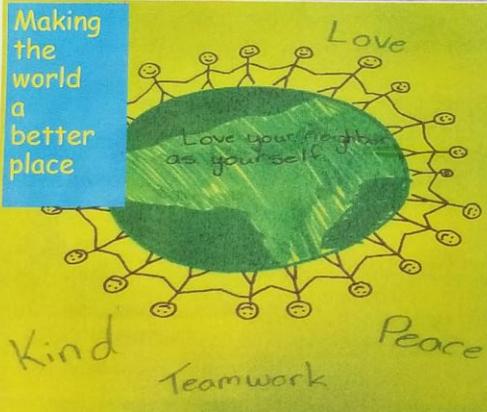


3100 meals  
Oh My!



Thanks to all of the volunteers and Trades who worked with us this year. Our new bathrooms and staff quarters are almost complete... we are sooooo excited!

Making  
the  
world  
a  
better  
place



Campfire, Games, Archery,  
Canoeing, Crafts, Stories



13 staff  
3 LITs  
Great Teamwork



A great place to chill, find friends and  
try something new.  
Thanks for the camping friends!

2019 Registration now open: [BarHarbourCamp.com](http://BarHarbourCamp.com) Facebook: Bar Harbour Camp

## STETTLER UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

As a community of Faith, the Stettler United Church seeks to celebrate God's love and our belief in the teachings of Jesus the Christ. We are committed to:

- ✚ ministering to the needs of all God's people
- ✚ nurturing the young
- ✚ addressing the spiritual and physical needs of children, youth, and adults through worship, music, study, and service
- ✚ the continued maintenance and development of our Church building and property, to be an effective facility to serve the needs of the congregation and community

Through these commitments, we strive to become a visible sign of God's presence and love.



### 2018 BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Tennant    Charlotte Chase    Linda Day  
Myrna Stevens    Matt Dorsett  
Amber Dorsett    Mary-Lou Manson  
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

### 2018 TRUSTEES

Joan Baltimore    Ward Krejci    John Penner    Betty Birch  
Gerry Bennett

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS TO STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

None Recorded

## 2018 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS FROM STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

Hugh Kellough                      August 13  
Carole Kellough                      August 13

## 2018 CONFIRMATIONS

None Recorded

## 2018 BAPTISMS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>	<u>DATE</u>
McKENZIE, Lacey Grace	McKENZIE, Ernest Scott McKENZIE, Cara Colleen	March 18
RENSCHLER, Everly Joelle	RENSCHLER, Jody James RENSCHLER (Van Straten), Michelle Virginia	June 03
NORDSTROM, Jack Kristopher	NORDSTROM, Patrick Glenn NORDSTROM (Poisson), Krista Lynn	June 17
DORSETT, Greta Grace	DORSETT, Matthew Andrew DORSETT (Leibel), Amber Yvette	October 21

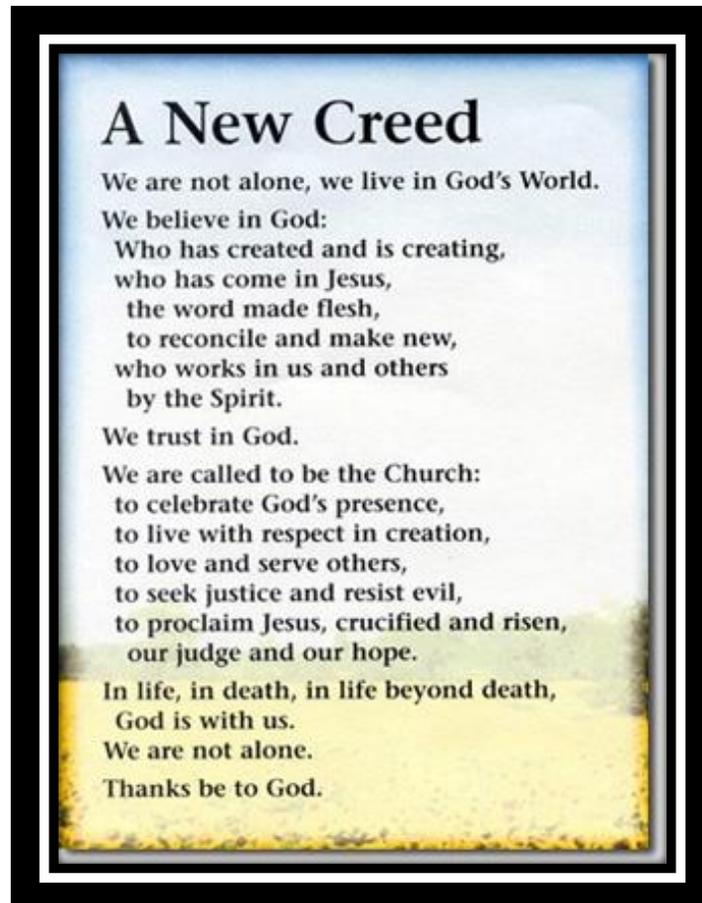
## 2018 WEDDINGS

<u>GROOM</u>	<u>BRIDE</u>	<u>DATE</u>
KUSCHMINDER, Travis Paul	BAUMAN, Stephanie Rae	July 07

## 2018 FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF DEATH</u>
BLAKE, Pamela Rae	December 29 (2017)
GINTHER, Max Carl	January 13

GRAVES, Barbara Ellen	February 05
BALL, Clarice Maureen	March 21
SCHIFFNER, Patsy Marie	April 28
ORO, Larry	April 27
WHITE, Raymond Lewis	June 02
HALLETT, Laurel Mae	June 12
LARSON, Lavina	July 29
SMITH, Kenneth George Bruce	September 21
WOOLSEY, Velma Noreen	October 02
CHAVIS, Bernice Vivian	October 07
CORMACK, Verna Marguerite	November 28



## UCW FINANCES

	Jan 1, 2018-Dec 31,2018	2019 Estimate
<b>Bank Balance at Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 1,267.61	
<b>Receipts:</b>		
Rotary	\$ 8,728.22	\$ 7,000.00
UCW	\$ 19,777.63	\$ 12,000.00
Donation	\$ -	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 28,505.85</b>	<b>\$ 19,200.00</b>
Plus Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 29,773.46	
<b>Disbursements:</b>		
Local Church	<b>\$ 21,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,000.00</b>
<b>Outside Projects:</b>		
St. Andrews College	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
St. Stephens College	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Camrose Shelter	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Central Alberta Shelter	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Student Bursary Fund	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Women's Interchurch of Canada		
ANWC UCW		
Bissel Centre	\$ 435.00	\$ 300.00
Bar Harbour	\$ 395.00	\$ 100.00
<b>Total Outside Projects</b>	<b>\$ 1,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,400.00</b>
<b>Local Expenses:</b>		
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 155.54	\$ 500.00
Kitchen Equipment & Repair		\$ 1,500.00
Catering Supplies	\$ 1,915.92	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,564.43	\$ 1,500.00
<b>Total Local Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 3,635.89</b>	<b>\$ 6,500.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 26,465.89</b>	
<b>Book Balance as per Dec/18 Reconciliation</b>	<b>\$ 3,307.57</b>	
<b>2018 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>		
Bank Charges	\$ 45.00	
Bazaar Costs	\$ 519.43	
Staff Gifts	\$ 400.00	
Fall Supper/Bazaar Floats	\$ 600.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,564.43</b>	

**STETTLER UNITED CHURCH – BALANCE SHEET  
UPDATED 2018**

**ASSET**

**Current Assets**

Bank Chequing	\$18,259.55
Savings Account	\$69,522.99
Investment RBC – Memorial Fund	\$5,745.81
GST Refundable	\$588.93

<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$94,117.28</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>	<b>\$94,117.28</b>
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**LIABILITY**

**Current Liabilities**

<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
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**EQUITY**

**Equity**

Equity – Memorial	\$17,194.08
Retained Earnings	\$95,558.90
Current Earnings	\$-18,635.70

<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$94,117.28</b>
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<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>\$94,117.28</b>
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<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$94,117.28</b>
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**MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance Forward, January 1, 2018	<b>\$10,389.99</b>
Plus: 2018 Interest Royal Bank GIC	\$28.74
Plus: 2018 Memorials	\$6775.35
Balance, December 31, 2018	<b>\$17,194.08</b>

