

Stettler United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting- March 02, 2025

Opening:

The annual general meeting of the Stettler United Church was called to order at 11:50, March 02, 2025, by acting chairperson, Barbara-Lynn Goodwin. There were 25 people in attendance.

Meeting began with Rev. Kwon leading us in prayer.

Enabling Motions

E25.1 MOTION by Joanne Wiechnik, SECONDED by Dave Goodwin that the Annual Congregational meeting be chaired by board member Barbara-Lynn Goodwin. Carried

E25.2 MOTION by Vivian Hinkle, seconded by Faye Tennant that Sue Stratulate act as recording secretary for this ACM. Carried.

E25.3 MOTION by Donna Boyd-Stadelmann, seconded by Connie Jackson that all adherents and members can vote on temporal matters for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Carried.

Thank you to the board members, Scott McKenzie, Connie Jackson, Joanne Wiechnik, Sue Stratulate, Barbara-Lynn Goodwin, Heather Baird and Betty Birch for their service in 2024. We are very sorry to lose Charlotte Chase this year. We are looking for new board and committee members.

MOTIONS REQUIRED

A25.1 MOTION by Linda Day, SECONDED by Marilyn Penfound to approve the minutes of the 2024 Congregational meeting held March 02, 2025. CARRIED.

A25.2 MOTION by Dave Goodwin, SECONDED by Shirley Hellabo to accept all committee reports as written in the annual report, with the exception of the financial statement and proposed budget. CARRIED.

Thank you to all the committees that are part of this church and all they do to keep the church alive and visible in the community.

A Presentation of financial statement and budget was given by Scott McKenzie. Thank you to the congregation for all the support.

A25.3 MOTION by Gayle Tennant, SECONDED by Ian Coulsey to accept the financial report for the year ended December 31, 2024. CARRIED

Presentation of 2025 budget by Scott McKenzie.

A25.4 MOTION by Sue Hughes, SECONDED by Shirley Hellebo to approve the prepared 2025 budget. CARRIED

A25.5 MOTION by Audrey Coulsey, SECONDED Mervyn Penfound to accept the present members of the official board. Sue Stratulate Heather Baird, Joanne Wiechink, Scott McKenzie, Betty Birch, Connie Jackson and Barbara-Lynn Goodwin, and to allow the Board of Stettler United Church to appoint new board members. CARRIED

A25.6 MOTION by Gayle Tennant, SECONDED by Donna Boyd Stadelmann to reappoint Barbara-Lynn Goodwin and Dave Goodwin as our representatives to the Chinook Winds Region. Carried.

A25.7 MOTION by Dave Goodwin, SECONDED by Vivian Hinkle to reappoint the existing members of the Board of Trustees – Betty Birch, Connie Jackson, Jack Rairdan, Kirk Blake and Len Day.

Special Thank you to Rev. Kwon, for his leadership, and humour and to Miran Kyoung for her steadfast dedication and support to our services and to Michele Selinger for so so much to keep us operating.

24.9 MOTION by Linda Day, SECONDED Kate Sanders to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: by
Sue Stratulate Secretary

Those Present:

Ian Coulosey
Mervyn Penfound
Faye Tennant
Len Day
Miran Kyoung
Thelma Buchan
Kate Sanders
Joyce Wickstrom
Donna Boyd-Stadelmann
Sue Stratulate
Joan Baltimore
Dave Goodwin

Audry Coulosey
Marilyn Penfound
Linda Day
Rev. Kwon
Janie VonKrogh
Vivian Hinkle
Shirley Hellabo
Scott McKenzie
Connie Jackson
Joanne Wiechnik
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
Theresa Barritt (visitor)



Minister's Musing



May God bless you! Over three years have passed since my family moved to Stettler and began to serve God and neighbours together with all of you at Stettler, Erskine and Big Valley United Churches.

I am deeply thankful to God for leading me to work for his glory and serve others as a part of BESTogether. Praise and thanks be to God!

In 2025, I tried my best to be involved in diverse ministries with passion. Preparing Sunday worship services with prayer and delivering sermons was my joy and honour. I deeply thank you all for being parts of the worship services at Stettler, Erskine and Big Valley.

- During Lent, we read Jonah with singing hymns and praises together.
- Christmas Eve services were filled with joy, thanksgiving and hope.
- Rev. Scott Reynolds was invited and delivered an impressive message about invitation.

Our attention to inviting family members and friends inspired us to bring them to our worship services, sing along, fall supper, and other activities and events.

I participated in the following events and gatherings such as:

- Men's Breakfast,
- Senior's Conference,
- Spring and Fall Supper,
- A Seat at the Table (community meals),
- The Coffee gathering at Big Valley which was joyful and exciting.

Visiting friends and neighbours and meeting them in Stettler Hospital, the Lodges, Heritage House and their homes helped me to get to know more about the community and build stronger friendships.

Visiting lodges and Heritage House as a part of Happy Gang helped me to reach more people, learn more about each other and cultivate more friendships.

Officiating funerals for our friends or community members inspired me to remember their spiritual legacy and celebrate their life in God.

Music is a big part of my ministry. I am deeply thankful to you for singing together with joy at the Sing Along's. The Sing Along's and Christmas Choir Festival opportunities to invite people to the church and share joy and fun.

I also attended many large meetings:

- 2025 clergy retreat was a great time for spiritual renewal in friendships.
- As a part of Chinook Winds Executive, I attended Chinook Winds Regional Gathering and executive meetings in person or online.
- As a commissioner, I participated in General Council 45 and a follow-up Toward 2035 conversation.

These events inspired me to think deeply over the future of the United Church of Canada with prayer.

My involvement in Western Intercultural Ministry Network continues. I am also coauthoring a book on discipleship together with Dr. Don Schweitzer. This book will be published in 2026. Special thanks should be also given to you for allowing me to participate in the Conference in Celebration of the Korean United Church 60th Anniversary.

I am always thankful to God for calling me to serve God and others in BESTogether. I hope and pray that God continues to help us to produce good fruits and give thanks and glory to God. Let us go together with prayer and hope. God is with us.

Blessings,
OhWang Kwon

A Short Note from Michele For the Annual Report 2025

10 years! Who would have thought that November 15, 2015, would be the beginning of an interesting, busy and fun decade. A few make work projects, some crazy and fun (some not so fun) ideas that turned into make work projects kept things interesting.

In addition to the many friends I have made over the years, I am grateful and I really appreciate:

- The flexibility in my schedule to look after my mom
- The many many homecooked delicious "Monday" perk (Rotary) meals.
- The help and offers of help when needed, especially stuffing envelopes and rolling coins.
- The gifts, the dropped off "healthy" treats, the special coffee's, books/magazines to keep my mom amused and all the visits!

Mostly, I appreciate all of you for being a part of making the last 10 years so enjoyable. Even though I have 15 years left (ha) I am grateful to have spent the latter part of my career working with all of you, in a position I still enjoy.

I appreciated my "10 year" coffee party ~ ya'll know I do like to snack.

Again, many thanks to all of you, for all you do, and have done and hopefully continue (ha ha) to do.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Selinger

Chinook Winds Region Annual Report 2025

The Chinook Winds Region staff is comprised of

- Executive Minister Treena Duncan,
- Executive Assistant, Mauricio Araujo, Pastoral Relations Minister, Karen Medland, Community
- Faith Strategy Consultant, Joel Den Haan, First-Third Ministry Coordinator, Justice

- Networks Support, Chris Mah Poy, Indigenous Minister, Tony Snow, Communications
- Cluster Support, Shelley Den Haan, Administrative Assistant, Jes Beckerley, Archivist, Leanne
- Templeton, Leadership Director, Michelle Slater, First-Third Team Lead for Pacific Mountain and
- Chinook Winds Region, Pamela Evans, Camping Minister, Lisa Penzo.
- Our General Council Staff is Cari Copeman-Haynes, Community of Faith Stewardship Support, Vicki Nelson,
- Growth Animator, Scott Reynolds.

Each of them is very approachable and willing to assist in any way they can. Their contact information can be found on the Chinook Winds Region website www.chinookwindsregion.ca.

On Thursday, February 6, 2025, I attended a zoom presentation by Dr. Geoffrey Simmons of Calgary called "Weaving Hope and Story: Building Resilience for Ourselves and Others. Dr. Simmons has extensive knowledge in hospital chaplaincy and has developed a training course for lay people who volunteer in care facilities. His presentation revolved around self-care for caregivers.

I attended the CWR Town Hall on March 26, 2025, which was dedicated to First Third Ministry activities in the region presented by Chris Mah Poy. These include campus ministries, youth forum retreats, young family weekends, and summer camps.

On March 30th, 2025, BESTogether Leadership hosted guest minister and United Church Growth Animator, Rev. Scott Reynolds who led the service and after lunch he engaged the congregation in an interactive discussion around the topic of "invitation" – how to invite people to join our spiritual family.

From May 8-11, 2025, I participated in the seventh annual Chinook Winds Regional Gathering hosted by St. Andrew's United Church in Lacombe titled "Flourishing: Where Living Waters Flow" based on Ezekial 47:1-12. The Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator of the UUC and Rev. Cameron Fraser, Director of Growth and Ministry

Development for the United Church of Canada led us through a four-part workshop developed by the moderator called “Flourishing: Bold Ideas, Daring Connections”. We also heard reports from the UCW (Barbara Davidson), The First Third Ministry (Youth Forum, Church Camps, Campus United) (Chris MaPoy), Stewardship (Vicki Nelson), Office of Vocation (Cari Copeman-Haynes), Affirming Connections (Pam Rocker), Indigenous Ministry (Tony Snow) and Indigenous Right Relations (Cecile Faucik).

CWR Presiding Officer, Joanne Anquist, reviewed the work of the CWR Executive over this past year, focusing on the importance of communication with Communities of Faith throughout the region. The CWR staff organized a clergy retreat in February at Sanctum Retreat Center near Sundry. This will be an annual event to connect, refresh and revitalize our ministry personnel in the region.

On Sunday, May 11, 2025, we celebrated the ordination of Robin Galey and Keith Murray, and the commissioning of Letitia Berger and Lisa Penzo. Rev. Taylor Croissant became the new Chinook Winds Executive Presiding Officer.

General Council 45 was hosted in Calgary from August 7-11, 2025. Our own Rev. Kwon was a commissioner at that gathering. The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath was installed as the 45th moderator of The United Church of Canada. Kimberly Heath is minister at Wall Street United Church, Brockville, Ontario. She posted a beautiful Advent message in November and a Christmas video to all United Church Communities of Faith in mid-December. Her videos can be found by searching Kimberly Heath, United Church Moderator.

On August 8, 2025, The United Church of Canada offered an apology to 2S and LGBTQIA+ communities acknowledging the deep and lasting harm caused by the church, both in the past and still today.

In November 2025, Presiding Officer, Rev. Taylor Croissant, and Executive Minister Treena Duncan along with Northern Spirits Region’s President Leigh Sinclair and Executive Minister Shannon McCarthy, sent a letter to Premier Danielle Smith expressing the regions’ deep concern regarding the government’s use of Section 33 notwithstanding

clause including sending teachers back to work via the Back to School Act and restricting gender diverse youth rights in Bill 9, bypassing sections 2 and 7-15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The letter can be found by searching "A Pastoral Letter: Freedom, Education and the Common Good".

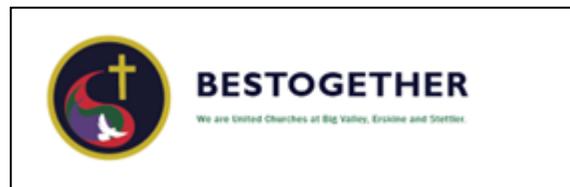
The Chinook Winds Region staff and executive along with our moderator Kimberly Heath and the General Council Executive has committed to leading with "Deep Faith, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice". Throughout this year's town halls, cluster gatherings, zoom presentations and annual meeting I have heard the same message that, "God is doing something in our midst." With that in mind, Treena Duncan addressed the East Central Cluster on Monday, January 26, 2026 to discuss "Towards 2025" - a General Council initiative. The focus was on "what God has done, and what God is doing, to find the blessing and calling in who we are today".

I continue to find renewed energy, challenge, blessings, and spiritual growth in my role as Stettler United Church Representative to Chinook Winds Region. It is a privilege and a gift.

Please contact me if you have questions about any of the above information.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

BEST TOGETHER Leadership Annual Report 2025



The leadership committee continues to oversee the Memorandum of Understanding among the Big Valley, Erskine, and Stettler United Churches to ensure close communication and healthy relationships.

The BESTogether Leadership Committee consists of the following people:

- Co-chairs: Lori Roberts and Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

- Stettler representatives: Thelma Buchan and Barbara-Lynn Goodwin
- Erskine representatives: Wendy Rowledge and Lori Roberts
- Big Valley representatives: Lois Innocent and Marion Annable
- Michele Selinger and Rev. Kwon

The committee met several times throughout the year. As a result of their deliberations, they planned, organized and hosted another Seniors' Conference in the Stettler church on Apr 23, 2025. Because their conference was so successful in 2024, the committee continued again to endeavor to help meet the needs of the seniors in the community. The session topics chosen were meant to spark an interest in faith pursuits, to offer opportunities to explore new hobbies, and to increase awareness in health and wellness and lodging available locally.

As in 2024, the conference was well attended and an immense success, according to the surveys filled out by the majority of the participants and facilitators. We hope that these conferences have helped people to pursue their avenues of interest and allowed them to learn something new about their community, which has improved their quality of life somehow! And hopefully, by networking with the church members involved in hosting this event, a welcoming atmosphere was created to prompt participants to join or rejoin that church community.

As a result of the previous year's successful conference, there has been a small increase in church attendance that we might assume is a result. We were able to benefit from:

- A New Horizons Provincial Grant obtained through the Stettler Referral Center,
- A grant given by the local Rotary Club,
- And a donation that was given to us by our Stettler Superfluity organization

These grants and the donation helped to cover all the expenses including rent of the facility, and supplies for the facilitators. The UCW ladies also helped offset expenses by providing lunch. A bank account was opened to accommodate earnings and expenses from the collaborative events the Bestogether Committee Hosts.

We started talking about

- Plans for a similar event for 2026 but are entertaining the idea of a youth camp or conference to attract a different demographic to our church community.
- Planned and printed schedules of Sunday worship for the three congregations.
- Deliberated about the troubling financial situations of all three churches and as a result, (on recommendation of this MOU Board) the Erskine and Big Valley churches held a raffle to help offset the administrative wage of the Stettler Church, because the smaller churches recognize the integral role that the administrative assistant provides to all churches, and earned \$6000 towards that expense.

We continue to oversee the M&P committee which consists of members of all three churches to monitor the relationship with the minister and ensure that the relationship between churches and ministry is healthy and satisfactory.

Financial statements will be given to the two pastoral charges involved at year end. The committee is committed to ensuring a strong relationship among the Big Valley, Erskine, and Stettler United Churches.

Leadership Committee Members

Lori Roberts Barbara Lynn Goodwin Lois Innocent
Wendy Rowledge Marion Annable

Respectfully submitted by,
Lori Roberts Feb 4, 2026

TRUSTEES
2025 Annual Report
Trustees:

Len Day Jack Rairdan Connie Jackson Kirk Blake Betty Birch
Reverend Kwon sits as the designated ordained supervisor of our board.

- The remaining excess pews stored in the basement were sold for a very reasonable price.
- Over the summer, the Town did slope the north boulevard which reduced water and ice buildup to some extent. We will continue to work with them to address the same problem at the end of the north-west sidewalk.
- We reviewed again the estimate for lighting efficiency upgrades. Overall a very costly endeavor, but we will use energy efficient replacement bulbs and fixtures as replacements when needed.
- Cost of insurance has remained stable.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Committee Members:

STETTLER: Connie Jackson (Chair), Sylvia Peters, Linda Holton, Joanne Wiechnik

BIG VALLEY: Lois Innocent, Marion Annabel

ERSKINE: Lou Roberts (Co-Chair) Wendy Rowledge

We, the M & P Committee, represent the three churches, working cooperatively together. This Committee reports to the Board and acts as both support & supervision of the paid staff. We deal with concerns from staff and the congregations. If anyone has any concerns, please take them to a member of the Committee.

Our Committee meets bi-monthly during the year culminating with our annual Christmas lunch in December with Rev Kwon, Michele and this year we included Miran Kyoung. We are grateful that Miran voluntarily videos each service.

We are extremely fortunate that the three churches work collaboratively without any dissent. We are also very fortunate that Michele & Rev Kwon have a very good working relationship. As a result, 2025 has been a great year for our three congregations.

Michele continues to go above and beyond for our congregation. Michele capably assumes all responsibilities of the office and takes on 'over & above' responsibilities for fundraisers during the year! Her

dedication does not go unnoticed! We had a coffee party to show our appreciation, and to recognize her 10-year anniversary, with Stettler United Church in November.

We reminded Michele that the 'fine print' in her letter of hire indicated she signed on for 25 years!!

Rev Kwon continues to be visible in the community by attending Men's Breakfast & providing entertainment once a month at Heritage House.

He also hosts

- A Sing Along, open to the public, on occasional Friday afternoons from 1 - 2 pm in the church sanctuary. A fun time for all who attend!
- Rev Kwon also provides musical accompaniment for the Happy Gang if his schedule permits.
- He greets at all the church events we host.
- He also spends time with the ill and bereaved.

Rev Kwon is an active participant in the Stettler Ministerial Association and works hard to build good relationships with other congregations.

Rev Kwon provides two services each Sunday as well as leading services at the lodges or care homes depending on the schedule. We are fortunate Dave & Barbara Lynn Goodwin provide worship for lodges etc. if Rev Kwon is not available.

Rev Kwon participates in Education Study, as well as being involved in Chinook Winds, the National Church, Western Intercultural Ministry and the UCCan Korean Network. He also provides ministerial support for Consort United Church Board meetings and funerals. Rev Kwon is excellent at scheduling and prioritizing his multiple commitments.

Respectfully Submitted
Connie Jackson

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Annual Report 2025

Committee Members:

Rev. Kwon, Joyce Wickstrom, Sue Stratulate,
Eileen Scheerschmidt, Thelma Buchan, Mary-Lou Manson

This year we welcomed Mary-Lou Manson to the group. Thank you, Mary-Lou, for lending a hand, we appreciate it.

Worship Committee's duties are to ensure Sunday services run smoothly. In addition to finding scripture readers, we decorate the sanctuary to reflect the different church seasons, prepare the communion elements, find pulpit supply, or prepare and deliver services when our minister is away.

We have implemented the use of a signup sheet for scripture readers and candlelighters. If you can help with this, please look for the signup sheet on the little table outside Michele's office and pick the task and date that works for you 😊

A special thank you those talented folks for their ongoing commitment to share their musical talents during Sunday services.

- Dave and Barbara Lynn Goodwin
- Linda Osetsky Kneeland
- Evelyn Strandquist

We were saddened because Amy Kwon left us, but happy for her because she left to go to Red Deer College for nursing. Amy looked after our audio/visual equipment for Sunday services, and any other services (funeral, choir, etc.) she was available for.

We are very grateful to have recruited 2 new young faces to look after the audio/visual equipment. Thank you to Holly McKenzie and Nora Nixon for stepping up and filling the gap. This is a huge commitment which we truly appreciate.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank Michele for 'filling in the gaps' when we don't stay on top of our duties.

If anyone is interested in helping in any capacity or joining our group full time, please chat to a current member, we'd love to have you.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Sue Stratulate

Music Ministry Report 2025

SUC Annual Meeting

March 2, 2025

Our music ministry team includes:

- Rev. Kwon (piano and voice)
- Linda Osetsky-Kneeland (piano and organ)
- Malcolm Fischer (guitar and voice)
- Joanne Wiechnik (drum and voice)
- Mike Broemeling (piano)
- Evelyn Strandquist (piano)
- Dave Goodwin (voice)
- Barbara-Lynn Goodwin (piano).

We are fortunate to have so many musicians on our team to provide music for Stettler United Church members and our wider community. Our flexible schedule enables the musicians an opportunity to collaborate with one another using their special skills and talents and step in for each other when needed.

Besides the weekly worship services, the team provides monthly services to Heritage House, Heart Haven, Willow Creek, Paragon Place, and Points West. The residents are always appreciative of our time spent with them and look forward to these services.

Rev. Kwon led several singalongs throughout the year which were announced well in advance and were attended by singers from the wider community (25-30 participants). The music included a variety of traditional hymns, popular tunes (especially Elvis!) and some tunes we learned together. The participants share lots of laughs and come away feeling uplifted. We look forward to many more fun times building community together in song.

Stettler United Church hosted the annual Stettler Carol Fest. Thank you to Malcolm Fischer, Mary Lou Manson, and Rev. Kwon for organizing it and to Dave Goodwin, master of ceremonies for the evening.

Also, a big thank you Michele Selinger for preparing the power point slides and manning the tech booth. Mike Broemeling played the piano prelude. Participants included The Gracenotes Choir, The Alliance Church Choir, Christ King Catholic Church Choir, Stettler Seniors Choir, The Happy Gang, The Church of the Latter-day Saints, St. Peter's Lutheran Choir, Henry Johnson (St. George's Anglican Church), Malcom Fischer, Rev. Kwon and Dave Goodwin (Stettler United Church).

A time of fellowship organized by Mary Lou followed in the CE wing. Special services throughout the year included Good Friday, Light and Hope, Christmas Eve and hosting joint services with Big Valley and Erskine United Churches.

We look forward to a wonderful, musical 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara-Lynn Goodwin

PROPERTY

2025 Annual Report

As there really isn't a property committee, duties and issues are being addressed by the Board, Trustees and volunteers, particularly Len Day.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers to do yard clean-up, lawn care in the summer, and various repair jobs. **You are always welcome to help.**

The board contracted a local company to look after snow removal from November through March at a flat monthly rate. They will assess the financial value of the service at the end of that time. With a couple of exceptions, the service has been excellent, and the peace of mind value is priceless.

Thanks again to Malcolm Fischer for shoveling on a very snowy Christmas Eve.

A huge Thank You to Kirk Blake and Ampko Electric for donating and installing replacement energy efficiency LED bulbs in the sanctuary.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Betty Birch

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE 2025 Committee Members

Barbara-Lynn Goodwin Sandi Hagen Mervyn Penfound
Linda Day Marilyn Penfound Janie VonKrogh Margaret Medland
Rev. OhWang Kwon

The Committee hosted and supplied food for 2 events after Church in 2025.

- January 19: Anniversary Sunday Celebration was Chili & Buns
- Sept 14: Welcome Back Sunday lunch was open faced buns, fruit, and vegetables trays and squares

Janie diligently sends cards to folks that have lost a loved one. We are thankful to her for this.

We are very appreciative to those folks who regularly put their names forward to greet and make coffee. We would like to encourage more people to offer their services. The gathering after Church for coffee/tea is a wonderful time to get to know our Church family members.

Respectfully Submitted:
Linda Day

LIBRARY Annual Report 2024

We are in the process of changing the Library from the room where it is located, so request that no further donations are made at this time. Once The Library has been re-established, an announcement will be made going forward, how it will be accessed. Thank You

Respectfully Submitted by:
Gayle Tennant

AVABELLI DANCE TROUPE

We are adding our voice and speaking out against family violence because we dance to be free, to express and rejoice but on May 10, 2025 we all danced to give the silent a voice as a team of Shimmymob.

Shimmymob is a worldwide belly dance flash mob to raise awareness against domestic a buse. We brought awareness to: Stetter Communities Of Prevention of Family Violence in 2025 and will again in 2026 on May 9, 2026.

This year we are sad to announce, the passing of Dianne Petersen, who was in our troupe. We are dedicating our dance to her. As always, we appreciate the use of Stettler United Church and all who support us. Thank You

Respectfully Submitted
Gayle Tennant

LUV2READ

We have had another great year. We read a variety of books which were discussed at length. We are proud of our track record of being together since 2007 and still welcoming anyone who wants to join us. The Stettler Public Library has been very cooperative in being our source in bringing in our books. Thanks to all to have made this a success.

Respectfully Submitted
Gayle Tennant

Men's Breakfast Group Annual Report 2025

I'm happy to report another successful year in 2025 for the Men's Breakfast group, and we are now into our 39th year in 2026.

The group meets and enjoys a hearty breakfast every Wednesday morning at the church in the CE wing. Cooking and fellowship start at around 7:00 am, and we aim to eat by 8:00 am and be done by 9:00 am after washing dishes and wiping the kitchen clean.

Grace is said before eating on a rotational basis by those of the group who offer to do so. Then the hearty breakfast is enjoyed by all with anywhere from 10 to 20 participants depending on the time of year.



Our menu is simple ~ Porridge, Bacon, Eggs, Sourdough Toast, French Bread, Biscuits, Pancakes, Coffee, with Spam or Sausage served occasionally.

The \$10.00 fee covers the cost of breakfast and we donate any surplus to causes the group decided on.

We help with things we're asked to do by the church, such as grass cutting, yard cleanup, plumbing, recycling, etc. Then things such as Easter breakfasts, BBQ's, Spring fairs & markets, fall suppers serving & cooking, and help set up and taken down tables/chairs.

In addition, in 2025 we contributed a total of \$4569.00 to the church which included buying a new coffee maker. We would like to encourage more people to join the group, as we can cook more food and add another table. We will gladly welcome new friends who would like a very reasonable priced breakfast, so come on in!

Respectfully yours,
Peter Boys, Group Treasurer.

Quilting Group

Annual Report 2025

The quilting group meets for the day on the first and third Tuesday of each month, with up to nine ladies participating. We do break over the summer months and for a week in December.

This past year we have had donations of fabric from several local quilters who are downsizing their “stash” of fabric or are no longer quilting.

Our group has used our funding to make 39 quilts in 2025; to a variety of community organizations. These organizations include:

- RMH (Ronald McDonald House)
- Victim Services
- Camrose Women’s Shelter
- Red Deer Youth Centre
- Red Deer Woman’s outreach shelter

Recently we learned of the need locally at McMann Services in Stettler and were able to provide 6 quilts to their organization.

We are always busy and have a number of quilts in progress for 2026. We take a photo of each completed quilt and enjoy sharing information and the photos if interested in viewing. We welcome fabric and monetary donations and are grateful for community and our Church support.

Respectfully submitted
Elaine Simon

Prayer Shawls

Annual Report 2025

2025 was another successful year for our Prayer Shawl Group.

Members:

- Kate Sanders,
- Sylvia Telford,
- Enid Anderson,
- Shirley Hellebo,
- Karen Hummel

and I (Vivian Hinkle) made just over 40 prayer shawls, and there were about 25 shawls given out.

These shawls are received with many thanks for the comfort and care that they provide. Our cupboard is full and anyone wanting to give one is most welcome to come and choose one.

Our yarn is received by donations of yarn or money and purchased when needed. Anyone wishing to join our group is most welcome.

Respectfully Submitted by
Vivian Hinkle

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our group consists of:

Linda Day Heather Baird Geraldine Dennis Doris Berezan,
Sandy Hagen Sue Hughes Fred von Krogh Janie von Krogh.

Currently we only deliver meals 4 weeks throughout the year with the occasional extra few days when required.

The meals are prepared by Heart Haven Lodge. Our last turn was the first week of January and at that time there were 31 people receiving the meals. Some take the meals everyday Monday to Friday, others only one day a week.

The meals are divided between 2 cars with a driver and delivery person in each car.

Submitted by
Janie VonKrogh

UCW GROUP Annual Report 2025

Our group is almost back to pre-covid days. We catered to eight memorial services and seven luncheons, as well as Rotary lunches on Mondays.

The annual fall supper brought out old friends and acquaintances we hadn't seen for a few years. We very much appreciate donations of food and workers that offer their time to make the supper a success. "Many hands make light work." Pie sales and other fundraisers helped us to bring our receipts \$35385.76

Thank you to the Men's Breakfast Club for setting up and taking down tables along with the many other tasks the UCW needs help with.

Thank you to Reverend Kwon and Michele Selinger for all their support.

UCW is happy to have any ladies of the United Church join our meetings on the second Monday of every Month, except July, August and October at 7:00 pm in the CE wing.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Heather Baird ~ Treasurer

FINANCE 2025

Annual Report 2025

Once again, a big thank you for your continued contributions. It is because of your generosity we made it through another year. Thanks to Scott McKenzie for staying on the board as treasurer!

Highlights:

We received:

UCW \$28,000.00

Men's Breakfast \$4,569.12

User Fees \$28,955.00

Estate Funds \$5000.00

Expenses:

Our projected loss for 2025 was -\$7,705.61

Our actual **PROFIT** was \$11,070.75 That's **good news!**

In April 2025, we welcomed Eloise Dickie from The Action Group to rent our vacant office. In addition to increasing our user fee income, Eloise brings vibrant energy and friendship to the group.

Our ongoing partnership with Erskine & Big Valley United churches continues to help us financially.

Our Annual Assessment for 2026 is \$9360.00 dropping \$2,324.00 from \$11,684.00.

Our Par has increased another \$125.00/month (starting in February) for a total increase of \$1375.00. Our monthly PAR general account will be \$2960.00/month.

In 2025 we hired "The Lawn Don" to look after our snow removal, completely worth it to me.

The 2026 budget has a projected loss of -\$6418.87, a bit lower than last year, achievable, but hopeful for another profitable end of year.



Respectfully Submitted by:
Michele Selinger

2025 Fundraisers Annual Report 2025

Fundscrip ~ Still an ongoing fundraiser, our regulars continue to purchase cards through this program. Of course, I have to mention the % seems low yet it adds up and does help. See Michele if you are interested in placing an order or would like to pick up grocery cards, we usually have a number of those in stock.

Christmas Market ~ We did not host the Artisan Market this year, and it was missed by many. Hosting for 2026 will be discussed.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Michele Selinger

Stettler & District Food Bank Society Annual Report 2025

The Stettler and District Food Bank gave out 2102 hampers to households in need. 416 different (unique) households visited the Food Bank at least once. This helped 5140 individuals, 36% of them being 18 yrs or younger.

To continue to meet our mission of providing emergency food support to those in need in our community we find that the expanded space that we moved into in 2024 has really helped.

We weighed all food (purchased, donated, and rescued (food from the grocery stores that would have been disposed of) that came into the food bank, the total was just over 150,750 lbs of food, 59,900 lbs of that was rescued.

Financially we rely solely on donations from our community, and some grants that are allocated to specific projects (new freezers, shelving etc.), we continue to be blessed by such a generous community.

Our volunteer base is without a doubt our most important asset and would not exist without the dedication of so many folks. We are grateful to the Stettler United Church for being such a great landlord!! We would especially like to thank Michele Selinger for the assistance she provides, as well as Betty Birch for being a dedicated member of both the church board and the Food Bank board.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Mark Higgins

OTHER INFORMATION ~ 2025 **Same stuff, different year**

I'm sure that when you can't sleep or wake up at 3:00 am you must be on the internet (if you have it) RIGHT??

Did you know that the internet never closes meaning you can do an e-transfer (stettuc@gmail.com) anytime!! That way if you are going away or something you have your contributions covered!!

OR if you had PAR you wouldn't have to think about it, you could go anywhere in the world, and your contributions would be covered on the 20th of each month!! If you would like to setup PAR, please stop in and see Michele during office hours.

Did you know that if you use PAR you are helping the "budget makers" to have one solid number? See easy peasy to contribute!!

Ongoing Challenge STILL

In 2025 I started an email group that comes from the church email for anyone who doesn't get the weekly emails from the Mailchimp program. If you would like to receive the emails (from the church email) and stay informed, please let Michele know. You can stop in or send an email to [stettuc@gmail](mailto:stettuc@gmail.com) to request adding your name to the announcements lists.

It is STILL very difficult to reach everyone when we have important announcements, changes to schedules etc.

Currently the announcements are:

- Sent by email every Thursday evening or Friday morning.
- Printed for Sunday Worship Service
- Available on the table outside the church office.

If you have email and want the weekly announcements, please email Michele at stettuc@gmail.com.

Don't forget to like and follow us on facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Stettler-United-Church-100067740885542/>

Bar Harbour Camp 2025 Report



Bar Harbour camp has been around for a long time. It began with the gift of land to host community and children gatherings. How that has been lived has changed a number of times as we have tried to support family based programming and opportunities for tech-free gatherings of family, friends and community.

Summer Camp.

We have met many people who remember coming to Summer Camp at Bar Harbour. There have been many positive impacts, many excellent memories, many life-long friendships forged by coming to camp. Bar Harbour Camp continues to offer quality Summer Programming for children and youth between the ages of 6 - 17 years.



Our counsellors and staff are a mix of returning and new people who see the value in a summer camp experience that is formed around the building of relationships, creating a safe and nurturing environment, and lots of fun.

This year we had 125 campers join us for 4 weeks of camp. It is a great privilege to host children and to give them a great experience. In 2025 we had approximately 12 staff.

Cabin Counsellors and Program Counsellors ensure that the children are safe and engaged in all activities. They provide support and examples of learning how to live in a positive community.

Our Director keeps us all on track and the Cook keeps us well fed with nutritious and delicious foods including adapting for any food allergies. Camp Costs.

Keeping costs low for our summer program is a priority. Once again, people were able to take advantage of our campership program that supports those who could typically not afford to come to camp the opportunity to do so. We are so grateful for Stettler KidSport and individual sponsors for stepping forward to help us provide this program. In 2024, we had a sponsor who paid for a portion of registrations that were received on Family Day. If you know of someone who might be able to do that again, please let us know!

Facilities.

Our facilities were updated this year with all of the cabins getting a facelift. We are grateful for the receipt of the Federal Summer Jobs Grant which helped us with all the painting. The costs of operating camp are getting covered more and more by renting out our facilities. We have returning renters who are like camp family to us and we are happy to have them return regularly. They help us out by keeping everything clean and we really appreciate that. We had renters for almost every weekend in the summer and most available weekdays in August.

Our Annual Meeting to review the 2025 Season and look at moving forward into 2026 will be held on February 27th — more details will be available on location closer to the date. Contact us at Info@barhourcamp.com if you have questions. A \$5 membership fee is required to vote: you can e-transfer your membership or any donation and sponsorship to treasurer@barharbourcamp.com. Please remember to put your name, telephone number or E-mail address, and the reason for the funds in the notes line. Website: 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.



2025 BOARD MEMBERS

Heather Baird Barbara-Lynn Goodwin Scott McKenzie
Sue Stratulate Betty Birch Joanne Wiechnik Connie Jackson

2025 TRUSTEES

Betty Birch Len Day Connie Jackson
Jack Rairdan Kirk Blake

2025 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS TO STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

WIECHNIK, Joanne

2025 CONFIRMATION

None Recorded

2025 MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS FROM STETTLER UNITED CHURCH

None Recorded

2025 REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

None Recorded

2025 BAPTISM

None Recorded

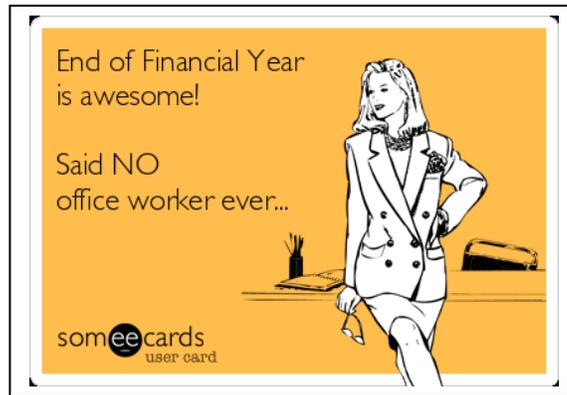
2025 WEDDINGS

None Recorded

2025 FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

(Stettler United Church, Stettler Funeral Home, and other Locations)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>DATE OF SERVICE</u>
DOCHERTY, Letty Marie	January 03, 2025
BROWN, Lee James	January 23, 2025
NICOLL, Leona Kathleen	January 31, 2025
DENHOLM, David Morley	March 04, 2025
GROAT, Gladys Myrtle	June 07, 2025
LINCOLN, Rose Mary	August 05, 2025
NORTH, Jean Phyllis	August 06, 2025
HOOPFER-SENFT, Elpha Margaret	September 19, 2025



Financials

MEMORIAL FUND

Balance Forward, January 1, 2025,	\$33,810.16
Plus 2025 Memorials	<u>\$12085.30</u>
Balance December 31, 2025	\$45,895.46

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Balance Forward, January 1, 2025	\$6051.62
Interest	\$ 136.90
Balance December 31, 2025,	\$6,188.53