

MORRIS UNITED CHURCH

Morris, Manitoba

Our Mission Statement

**Morris United Church
is a Family of Faith
called by God**

**As a Family of God ...
we are challenged to walk with God
and each other
in a spirit of openness,
friendliness and joy!**

**We are further challenged
to grow in faith
and to reach out in love to our
community and the world,
to seek justice and peace for all.**

**ANNUAL REPORT
2020**

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Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda
Morris United Church
March 21, 2021
Virtual Zoom meeting at 1 PM

1. Call to order and prayer
2. Appointment of Chairperson and Secretary for meeting
3. Approval of agenda
4. **Motion** to extend voting privileges to adherents
5. **Motion** to approve minutes of 2019 annual meeting held on February 9, 2020
6. Business arising from the minutes
7. Board and committee Reports (excluding 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Budget)
8. **Motion** to accept reports
9. 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Recommended Budget
10. Mission and Service Fund 2021 Objective
11. **Motions** to accept 2020 Financial Report and 2021 Budget
12. Old Business: Photo Directory
Regional Rep
- New Business: Manor Board Rep
Recommendation about the Planned Giving Fund
13. Nominating committee Report
14. **Motion** to accept Nominating Committee Report
15. Courtesies
16. Adjournment

Morris United Church Annual Meeting Draft Minutes February 9, 2020

The Morris United Church Annual meeting was held following regular worship service on February 9, 2020. There was 27 United Church members in attendance and Ken Thomas Pastoral Charge Supervisor.

Attended: Doug Brown, Marlene Buhler, Elaine Hancox, Bill Fulford, Rosalie Fulford, Brian Pettapiece, Betty Pettapiece, Siobhan Maas, Linda Sommer, Pastor Leslie Poulin, Pat Rempel, Pat Evenson, Edna Dreger, Grant Klassen, Ruth Coates, Joy Dickson, Allan Dickson, Larry McCrady, Audrey McCrady, Anthony Hamilton, Fae Hamilton, Michelle Smith, Allison Swift, Fred Kelesnik, Sharon Kelesnik, Ted Swift and Debbie Swift.

1. Ken Thomas greeted everyone and welcomed them to the meeting at 1:00 pm.
2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary for the meeting -
Motion: moved by Allan Dickson and seconded by Anthony Hamilton that Ted Swift be appointed Chairperson and Debbie Swift be appointed as Secretary. The motion was carried.
3. Agenda –
Motion: moved by Larry McCrady and seconded by Anthony Hamilton that the agenda for the meeting be approved as printed. The motion was carried.
4. Voting Privileges –
Motion – moved by Brian Pettapiece and seconded by Michelle Smith that voting privileges be extended to adherents. The motion was carried.
5. Minutes – One correction to make and that was in the beginning of the minutes where it states Ken Thomas is the Agassiz Presbytery Rep. it should read that he is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor.
Motion: moved by Marlene Buhler and seconded by Elaine Hancox that the minutes be accepted with the correction. The motion was carried.
6. Business arising from the minutes – none declared
7. Board and Committee Reports –
Ted Swift reviewed the reports.
8. Accept Reports –
Motion: moved by Pat Evenson and seconded by Anthony Hamilton that the reports be accepted as present. The motion was carried.
9. 2019 Financial Report and 2020 projected budget –
Ruth Coates reviewed the Financial statement from 2019.
She thanked Chris Janke for her time spent in reviewing the books.

Jablonski Electric did not send us a bill for the time that they spent working on the light fixtures in the sanctuary. They came out and inspected the light fixtures and took them down as they all had structural issues and then they came back and put all the fixtures back up once all the repairs were done.

10. Mission and Service Fund 2020 Objective - There was a discussion about the amount we should be budgeting, and the consensus was to keep the amount at \$4, 000.

Motion: moved by Larry McCrady and seconded by Siobhan Maas that the Mission and Service objective for 2020 be set at \$4, 000. This motion was carried.

11. Motion to accept 2019 Financial Report and the 2020 Budget –

Motion: moved by Brian Pettapiece and seconded by Pat Rempel that the 2019 Financial Report be accepted as presented. The motion was carried.

Motion: moved by Michelle Smith and seconded by Rosalie Fulford that the proposed budget for 2020 be accepted as presented. The motion was carried.

12. Old Business:

Photo Directory – Ted thanked everyone for their time and cooperation in getting the photos done. He also thanked Linda Sommer for all the time she spent calling to book the appointments the coffee and baking and making sure everything was running smoothly.

We have almost all the information ready to submit and hope to have the finished directories by Easter.

New Business:

Regional Rep - We talked about how we need to have a regional rep for the Prairie to Pine Region. We asked Ken what this position would entail, and he said that it is a pretty easy committee to be on and they only meet once a year for about 2 days. This year the meeting is May 28th to May 30th in Steinbach.

13. Nominating Committee – No report

14. Motion to accept Nominating Committee Report – N/A

15. Before we closed out the meeting it was mentioned that the Church sign should be updated. Ted thanked everyone for attending and asked that Pastor Leslie end the meeting with a prayer.

16. Adjournment at 1:45 pm.

Board Report 2020

What can be said about the year 2020? It has been a year like we have not seen in our lifetimes. With the pandemic happening all over the world, and all the health restrictions we have not been able to worship together for most of the year.

However, through all your support we have continued to spread the good news through print and video. The love and support you have shown to each other shows that Jesus is alive in all of us.

I would like to give a big THANK-YOU to all our church family for the love you have shown our community this past year.

Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. -Matthew 25:40

*Yours in Christ
Ted Swift
Board Chair*

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT - 2020 MORRIS-ROSENFELD ECUMENICAL SHARED MINISTRY

Grace and peace to you all!

Thank you for the phone calls, cards, gifts, prayers and best wishes this Christmastide. Congratulations for managing to celebrate the Christ Child in the midst of a pandemic! We have learned new ways to communicate, breathe through fabric, tolerate dry hands from sanitizer and live "from a distance". Go us!

This month, our confirmation students will be studying the book of Ruth. While trying to find an appropriate scripture to begin my annual report, I found an exceptional woman! Widowed, raised in a different faith and country, moving to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law, converting to Judaism, gleaning fields tirelessly, remaining positive and hopeful, Ruth is us! Taking a situation filled with grief, hardship and the great unknown, Ruth embraced the God of the Hebrew people and held on with new-found faith. And God did not disappoint!

In March of 2020, Covid-19 brought the planet to its knees. As a faith community, and as rural communities, we followed the regulations and did our due diligence to keep one another safe. Love for neighbour took on a whole new meaning. So did the words *isolation*, *quarantine*, *ventilator*, *Zoom*, *Skype* and *death toll* as the world continued to be overwhelmed by the pandemic. Still, locally, we continued to be vigilant and responsible. For that, I thank you all!

Sunday, March 15, was our last in-person worship service until September in Morris. St. John resumed worship services on May 31st through Nov. 1st with a break in the summer while I was on vacation. Our small congregation was able to meet following health authorities' guidelines and even received communion in a safe manner. We had just started singing "quietly" when we were shut down by "Code Red" regulations.

Videoed and printed services took over so that we could continue to "worship together" while apart. My deep gratitude to Michelle Smith for editing the weekly worship video, to Debbie Swift for printing off and delivering the printed service to those without technology and to Ted Swift for putting both the worship video and printed version on the United Church web page. People appreciate your efforts very much! My dad enjoys watching his daughter preach every Sunday – something he would normally witness only once a year!

While staying within our bubbles, Confirmation classes, committee meetings, Church Council and Church Board meetings continued virtually. Being able to see people lifted spirits.

Kudos to Philana's high school who managed to pull off a distanced, outdoor graduation and made it as memorable as possible. It was a joy to watch my daughter walk across the stage with her diploma, albeit from the front seat of my car!

The most difficult aspect of this pandemic, for me as pastor, was not being able to be with people as they were dying; not being able to comfort the families upon a loved one's death, or to grieve with the support of one's community and have closure through the funeral rite and burial. While the safety protocols were understandable, it felt cruel to have people die alone and families grieve alone.

As Ruth and Naomi experienced, God's love and grace continued as the world, and our communities, struggled to follow the rules and not fall into depression or madness. Creativity has blossomed throughout this pandemic. Businesses have had to think outside the box, and many are still viable because of their willingness to change. Indeed, God is always doing a new thing! Sometimes we have to stop and look more closely to see the blessing.

With the promise of vaccine, our hope begins to grow that within a year we will be able to hug our loved ones again, stand side-by-side in the pews and sing our thanks and praise without being masked! Lord God, may it be so!

If you have not already done so, I encourage you to watch the Christmas Greeting video put together by Michelle from numerous contributions by congregational members. I confess, I cried! Some people I had not seen for so long, I was overwhelmed by a smiling face and a familiar voice!

We have a long road ahead of us yet, people of God, and, like Ruth and Naomi, we will continue to trust in the strength of family – family by blood and family by faith.

Two members of our faith family are moving to Niverville. We wish Terry and Bill Howie all the best, uphold them in prayer, and, as soon as we are able, visit in person and hug them close!

It continues to be my greatest joy to serve God and the people of the Morris-Rosenfeld Ecumenical Shared Ministry. The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Pastor Leslie

2020 ESM PAROCHIAL REPORT

BAPTISMS:

None

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

Parker Hamilton (UC)

Ashton Vermette (LUTHERAN)

Katie Evenson (UC)

Lincoln Boyer (LUTHERAN)

WEDDINGS:

Saturday, October 10, 2020: Alena Kannengiesser & Lorne Janzen (non-members)

DEATHS:

Charlie Covernton - January 12, 2020 (UC)

Officiated funeral: January 18, 2020

Cliff Peters - January 25, 2020 (UC)

Officiated funeral: January 30, 2020

Eleanor Wilkinson - March 23, 2020 (UC)

No service.

Annie Grossman – March 30, 2020 (Cross Lutheran)

Funeral: August 11, 2020 – did not officiate

Joy Snarr - May 5, 2020 (UC) Family graveside service. (did not officiate)

Donald Dowsell – June 29, 2020

Officiated graveside funeral July 11, 2020 @ Emerson Cemetery, non-member

Myrtle Ganske – July 15, 2020

Officiated funeral Sept. 12, 2020 @ Zion Lutheran, Friedensthal

Member of Zion Lutheran, Friedensthal

Diana Dreger – September 9, 2020 (Cross Lutheran)

No service

Bill Fulford - September 15, 2020 (UC)

Officiated funeral September 19, 2020

David Martens - December 15, 2020 (UC) – did not officiate

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rosenfeld: 27 Average attendance: 11

Morris: 18 Average attendance: 33

ONLINE SERVICES: 43

JOINT SERVICES: 1 Ash Wednesday

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENTS: None

SENIOR YOUTH EVENTS: 2

Mutual Ministry and Personnel Committee

The MMP Committee consists of two Lutheran Representatives and two United Church Representatives.

The duties of this committee are outlined in the Shared Ministry agreement. Besides being a supportive role to ministry, some of its other responsibilities include facilitating communications between clergy and the congregation, consider any concerns brought to this committee, clarifying the relationship of the clergy and the other staff regarding responsibilities, authority and accountability, and conducting an annual ministry review. This review can be done in committee or as decided this past year to have the congregations help identify “the strengths and the areas for growth in the ministry to better serve our congregations.”

Due to the past year’s restrictions the MMP committee has had just two meetings in 2020, one in March and one in October. The evaluation returns received in 2020, will be reviewed and results reported to the ESM as soon as we are allowed to meet again. Perhaps the observations from this exercise can be a steppingstone in addressing, within this ESM, the “joint” needs and expectations for ministry, ministry called in service to our two denominations through this ESM.

Respectfully,

Rosalie Fulford

Card Report 2020

Cards are sent out for the three congregations The Morris United Church, St. Johns Lutheran Church and Morris Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Sympathy – 21
Grad – 2
Thinking of You – 13
Encouragement – 2
Birthday – 4
Thank you – 1

Respectfully Submitted

Marlene Buhler

Clerk of Session Report			
	Resident	Non- Resident	Total
January 1, 2020	102	8	110
Added by Baptism/Conf	0	0	0
Added by Transfer	0	0	0
Removed by Death	2	0	2
Removed by tsf/other	0	0	0
December 31, 2020	100	8	108
Submitted by			
Del Stevenson			

Worship Committee

Committee Members are
Debbie Swift
Leslie Poulin (Minister)

Del Stevenson (Clerk of Session)

We are responsible for ensuring there are greeters at the door for all services, scripture readers, communion servers and collection takers. This committee is also responsible to oversee the worship services at the Red River Valley Lodge.

This year we were unable to have Sunday Services for a total of 30 weeks. This also included being closed for all the Easter Services and also for all of Advent. We started the year with normal services and on March 16th we cancelled services for a what would end up being 26 weeks before we met in person again as we also close the for the 4 weeks that the Minister takes holidays. We then were closed again from November 8th till end of the year as the Manitoba Government had put the province in Code Red. We did have one Lodge Service in February and the others were cancelled.

Submitted by
Debbie Swift

Morris United Church Property Report

Well with what's been going on I do not have much to report. With the limited amount of gatherings our building has not seen too much use. With that in mind all that has been happening is regular repairs and maintenance which in this time is a good thing. Visits to the building have been ongoing and Grant has been doing a good job of keeping the property accessible and clean. The only issue was the renewal of our insurance policy and some time and effort was spent on it with the results of an increase which we could not avoid. Hopefully we will be able to gather again in not too distance a future

Brian Pettapiece
Property Chairman

Meals on Wheels

One of our Church Outreach tasks is to deliver Meals on Wheels in our community for seven days every fifth week.

The meals are picked up at 11:20 am from the Red River Valley Lodge and delivered to various shut-ins. This year we have had a few changes in pick up from the Lodge due to Covid restrictions.

Our "regulars" on the delivery service include Audrey and Larry McCrady, Tina and Frank Goertzen, Barbara and Del Stevenson, Pat and Curtis Evenson, Shelley and Bud Stupnisky, David and Claudia Schmidt.

We are always looking for helpers, so if anyone has a half hour to spare please call Claudia at 204-746-2463. In the past some of our "regulars" have taken winter or summer trips, so a few "spares" would be appreciated!

This is a very pleasant and fulfilling opportunity to serve others in our community.

Claudia Schmidt
MOW Coordinator

Decorating and Plant Committee

Our little committee had a very uneventful year, thanks to Covid-19.

Christmas 2019 was beautiful and meaningful and in January of 2020 when the magi arrived at the manger scene little did we know that would herald one of our last tasks for the year.

By the time Palm Sunday and Easter arrived our Church was in lockdown and we hurriedly cancelled our orders from the florist.

Our main tasks this year have been weekly watering of indoor plants (thanks David) and planting the outdoor planters with the gifts from Hillbilly Garden Centre.

Thanks to Del Stevenson some of the no longer viable trees were removed from the east side of the building and Eric and David dug out some dead bushes.

Larry McCrady sets up the water system for us and David has the task of watering the outdoor plants while Claudia works the dandelions. We did enjoy decorating in October for Thanksgiving which is truly a beautiful time of year. Many thanks to the Hamblin Family for their donation of pumpkins and gourds for our display.

Christmas décor was almost nonexistent but thanks to Ted and Debbie Swift there were lights in the picture windows. Many people commented on how welcoming it was to drive or walk by the church and see the sparkling lights of the trees and wreath.

Hopefully, 2021 will see us all back in our beautiful church with renewed energy and hope for a much better year.

Thanks to everyone (especially Sharon Eadie who has promised a donation of callas and glad's), for your support and your very much appreciated advice.

Pat Rempel and Claudia Schmidt

Christian Education

I wish I had more to report on for 2020 but unfortunately we have not been able to have Sunday school or youth events during the pandemic this past year. When in-person church services resume then we will look into resuming Sunday school in a safe manner. We will also need to purchase a new curriculum.

Kari Hamblin

Manor Report 2020

In September I was contacted by Trevor Thiessen who is the current Manor Board Chair about our church's role on the board. After Anthony Hamilton left the board our church did not have a rep on the board. As we have not been able to have in person services, I decided that I would sit as the United Church representative.

The Manor Board has gone through some changes this year. To help keep an active board it was decided that interested member of the community could sit as active board members (previously each church had a seat on the board along with the town and R.M). The current members of the board are Trevor Thiessen, Ralph Groening, Dale Hoffman, Cindy Conway, Janine Rivard, Peter Dyck, Leslie Poulin, Rhonda Friesen, and Ted Swift.

Through the hard work of Cindy and Janine (and many volunteers) the manor has seen many improvements over the past year and is looking exceptionally good. Several suites have been remodeled and updated so they could be rented out.

Submitted by
Ted Swift

Fellowship and Outreach 2020

This year started off normal, but that all changed just before we celebrated Easter. With all the health restrictions for most of the year I have not been able to have any extra activities this year. Even coffee before service had to be postponed.

Financial report

Starting Balance	\$51.62
Expense's	
Annual meeting	\$-12.75
Deposits	
Coffee revenue	<u>\$22.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$60.87

Submitted by
Ted Swift

Morris United Caterers Financial Report – 2020

Bank Balance on Dec. 31/2019 \$2,859.03

Bank Balance on Jan. 1/2020 \$2,859.03

Jan. 1, 2020 Deposit (Cliff Peters funeral): \$ 600.00

February 22, 2020 Cheque written to Morris Church: \$2,500.00

Bank Balance: as of December 31, 2020 **\$ 959.03**

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Gluck,
for the Morris United Caterers

Morris United Church Living Memorial Fund Annual Financial Report, Jan. 1, 2020 to Dec. 31, 2020

Bank Balance at January 1, 2020:

Chequing	1,312.32
Savings	5,409.31
Share	5.00

Total Bank Balance **\$ 6,726.63**

RECEIPTS IN 2020

Contributions to Memorial Fund	50.00
Interest June/2020	7.61
Interest Dec/2020	2.73

Total Receipts **60.34**

DISBURSEMENTS IN 2020 **0.00** **0.00**

NET Balance Dec. 31, 2020 **\$ 6,786.97**

BANK STATEMENT BALANCE AT Dec. 31, 2020

Chequing	1,362.32
Savings	5,419.65
Share	5.00

Total Bank Balance **\$ 6,786.97**

Barbara Stevenson
Annual Report Mem Fund 2020

2020 Community Garden Report

All twelve garden beds were used last year with most of the gardens being well cared for. It was not a good growing year and product was spared. Also, there was trouble with deer.

There was little maintenance needed, but this spring we will have to spread Peat Moss.

The board of the Gardens felt that the boxes are probably usable for another year, but the Board will need to see if there are Grants to help us to replace some of the beds.

A wasp colony was located in one of the garden beds that was hard to get rid of.

The Garden bed was sprayed but to no effect. In the spring before the gardens are planted, we will see if the colony is still there and then we will do something about it.

Submitted by
Pat Rempel

2020 Community Christmas Supper Report

It was decided by the volunteers of the Christmas Supper that due to COVID-19, and knowing that we could only have five people in a facility that we would try and go with a drive thru Christmas Supper.

Pat Schmitke from the Bigway offered the committee the use of the Bigway to cook the dinner and it worked out good because of the large parking lot.

It worked very well with our five volunteers that prepared the meal of potatoes, corn, coleslaw, meat balls and ham. There were brownies for dessert.

Delivered Meals:

Rebecca Cove Apartments - 11 meals
Morris Manor - 11 meals
Parkside Villa - 15 meals
Individual - 10 meals

26 meals were picked up at the Bigway.

There were 47 delivered and 26 meal picked up for a total of 73 meals.

A special thank you to Pat Schmitke and the volunteers who prepared the meals.

Submitted by Pat Rempel

2020 Red River Valley Food Bank Report

2020 was a different year for the Food Bank.

There were 723 visits to the Red River Valley Food Bank in 2020.

That is a decrease of 15% from 2019. The decrease was due to Covid-19 with the users of the Food Bank receiving Covid-19 government assistance cheques.

We did not have an Annual Fall Town-Wide Food Drive due to Covid-19.

In 2020 we received cash donations of \$31,457.87.

2020 Expenses were:

Groceries	\$ 15,210.48
Insurance	\$ 570.22
Office and Travel	\$ 1,076.95
Covid-19 Supplies	<u>\$ 194.96</u>

Total Expenses	\$ 17,052.61
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List of Cash Donations

MCC Store
Private Donations
Rempel Insurance
Open Door
Access Credit Union
Morris School
Border Real Estate
Jablonski Electrical and Plumbing
Morris Legion
Covid-19 Grant
Mileage Grant
Valley Ag Society
Harvest Manitoba Grant
KM Growers

List of Food Donations

Royal LePage - Hamburger Donation – 250 lbs.

The board meets 4 times per year to advise and provide support for needed decisions to steer the Red River Valley Food Bank responsibly through its ups and downs.

We are deeply appreciative of our local area for its support and the local yearly donations.

Patricia Rempel

MORRIS UNITED CHURCH 2020 DONATION SUMMARY

FUND	AMOUNT	COMMENTS
GENERAL	\$53375.76	
MISSION & SERVICE	\$4239.00	Pledge was \$4000 with a Goal of \$5000
	\$57,614.76	

DONATION RANGE	# OF DONORS	# OF DONORS (LAST YEAR)	\$ VALUE OF GROUP	AVERAGE PER GROUP
\$0.01 - \$50.00	1	6	\$25.00	\$25.00
\$50.01 - \$100.00	6	5	\$520.00	\$86.67
\$100.01 – \$250.00	5*	2	\$988.25	\$197.63
\$250.01- \$500.00	8	5	\$3,475.00	\$434.38
\$500.01 - \$1000.00	5	8	\$3,964.00	\$792.80
\$1000.01 - \$1500.00	3	6	\$4,375.00	\$1,458.33
\$1500.01 - \$2000.00	3	4	\$5,325.00	\$1,775.00
\$2000.01 - \$3000.00	9	9	\$23,225.00	\$2,580.56
\$3000.01 and over	4	4	\$15,717.51	\$3,929.38
TOTAL	44	49	\$57,614.76	

* Includes the anonymous cash donations from throughout the year.

() Number in each donor category in previous year.

The above report is as of January 17, 2021. The 2020 receipts will be issued in early February.

Donations were down by \$10,027 for the General fund and up by \$203.00 for Mission and Service (M&S) as compared with 2019 donations. We met our pledged amount of \$4000.00 to M&S. There were 5 fewer donors in 2020 compared with 2019.

The * indicates that one donor in this category is actually not a donor but the “Open” envelope to which all anonymous donations are allocated – the total of the unallocated donations in 2020 was \$141.54 (as compared with the 2019 amount of \$775.70); this makes sense since without church services there are no visitors donating anonymously.

Due to the pandemic the Treasurer and I were not able to meet to jointly count the weekly donations as per the United Church of Canada recommended processes. My sincere thanks to Ruth Coates for her time and effort with this weekly commitment which fell to her.

We are so very grateful to all who made the effort to mail in their donations during the many months of closures.

Weekly and Year To Date Totals are updated on the Donation board in the Narthex only a few times this year with the church closures.

Donors can contact me at any time should they wish a Year to Date statement.

In 2011 an Information Sheet on Donations was prepared and approved by the Board. It was distributed to the congregation in the fall of 2013 and is available upon request. The document is provided to anyone who is new to the congregation.

Thank you to all for your support of the ministry of Morris United Church.

Sharon Eadie, Envelope Secretary

ESM Report 2020

2020 has been a challenging year. With all the health restrictions the ESM has worked to get our services online. We started with a basic print version on our website. As the restrictions continued, we decided to try a video of the service as well. With the help of Michelle and Pastor Leslie I have been able to add a video of the service to go with the print version. We have learned a lot about what it takes to put it all together and I am grateful for the support of the ESM committee in this new adventure.

A big thank-you to everyone that helped with our Christmas Greeting video and especially to our wonderful musicians, Linda, Allan, and Brian.

Submitted by
Ted Swift
ESM board member

MORRIS - ROSENFELD Ecumenical Shared Ministry Financial Report

Budget comparisons

<u>Category</u>		<u>2020 Budget</u>	<u>2020 Actual</u>	<u>2021 Budget</u>
SALARY				Year
Salary	@ 1.0	50,707.00	@ 1.0 50,706.93	@ 1.0 51,721.00
Housing Allowance		12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
EMPLOYER CONTR.		16,300.00	16,114.27	17,500.00
MILEAGE		6,000.00	2,150.93	5,000.00
COMMUNICATIONS				
Cell	360.00	360.00	330.00	360.00 360.00
CONVENTIONS				
Conventions	500.00			500.00
Books	500.00	1,000.00	216.66	500.00 1,000.00
OTHER		300.00	82.10	300.00
OFFICE SUPPLY		200.00	143.23	200.00
STIPEN AMOUNT				
Video Manager			399.00	399.00
Treasurer	399.00		399.00	399.00
Pastoral Supply & Lay Leader	600.00			600.00
		999.00		1,398.00
TOTAL		<u>\$87,866.00</u>	<u>\$82,542.12</u>	<u>\$89,479.00</u>

Cash beginning of 2020 7,420.12

Cash at end of 2020 8,878.00

Rosenfeld Lutheran Contribution at 25% = \$22,369.75
per mo = \$1,864.15

Actual paid in 2020 = \$21,000.00

Required / month in 2021 = \$1,800.00

Morris Lutheran Contribution at 25% = \$22,369.75
per mo
= \$1,864.15

Actual paid in 2020 = \$21,000.00

Required / month in 2021 = \$1,800.00

Morris United Contribution at 50% = \$44,739.50
per mo
= \$3,728.29

Actual paid in 2020 = \$42,000.00

Required / month in 2021 = \$3,600.00

PLANNED GIVING – SHARING THE BLESSINGS

2020 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLANNED GIVING PLANNING COMMITTEE

“We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.” Winston Churchill

What is planned giving?

Planned Giving is a term that refers to one of the ways in which folks make gifts to others, in this case to Morris United Church. Some of the ways we give through the church include:

- Regular donations divided between the General fund to support church operations and to Mission and Service to support the United Church of Canada coordinated local, national and international projects
- Emergency Appeals issued by the United Church of Canada to support people affected by disasters around the world
- Special projects such as the MCC school and health kits
- Capital giving for such things as our new sound system or air conditioning, for e.g. our Energy Fund.
- Memorial fund

Planned giving usually involves thoughtful preparation regarding a gift that will be received by the church sometime in the future through such means as a bequest in a will, an annuity, an insurance benefit. The United Church of Canada has moved to referring to such programs as Legacy Programs.

What does Morris United Church do with planned gifts?

Management of planned gifts is guided by the Morris United Church Planned Giving Fund Plan of Operations (2010) approved at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.

Gifts to Planning Giving are allocated as follows: One half (½) of each gift is saved and endowed which means that only the income from the investment will be used; \$200.00 of this investment income (interest) goes toward the Lewis Music Fund and the balance of the interest goes into the project part of the planned giving fund, rather than into the general operating account, divided equally into the 3 project categories or as determined by the Board. The Project Part of the planned giving fund is the other half of all gifts received. This half (½) is split equally three (3) ways between outreach work, Christian Education, and building maintenance/projects. **This formula was approved at the 2004 February Annual Meeting of Morris United Church.**

There were no Planned Gifts received in 2020. A plaque acknowledging all gifts to the Planned Giving Fund (along with other gifts to the Morris United Church) can be found in the sanctuary.

How are the planned giving fund used?

At times, fund requests are straight forward and are dealt with directly by the board. Other times the board requests Planned Giving Committee input.

2020 Activity

The Committee conducted some business via emails early in the year to respond to a family in need after a fire.

The Planned Giving Committee met in person (and physically distanced) in November and made a number of recommendations to the board regarding allocations that the Committee initiated rather than in response to any pledges.

The committee made some recommendations that the board could discuss with the Ecumenical Shared Ministry regarding the future of the Planned Giving Fund.

The following **Planned Giving Committee** recommendations were approved by the Board.

For the next three years (with chance of renewal after that) the Planned Giving Fund will support

- Rock Lake United Church Camperships - \$1000 per year to support \$100.00 of each camper's camp registration. Visit <http://www.rocklake.com/> to learn more about registration.(Christian Education)
- Lutheran Church Camp – \$1000 per year to support \$100.00 of each camper's camp registration.(Christian Education)
- Youth Retreat Registrations - \$750 per year to support Youth Event Bursaries; to attend retreats such as Zeebu, ALF, Conference, etc.; full registration costs for a first-time attendee; half the registration costs for all others. Youth retreats generally have a registration fee of \$70.00. (Christian Education)
- Children's Community Programming such as Vacation Bible School - \$150.00 per year for 3 years to enhance Vacation Bible School; *(Note: we acknowledge that we have not hosted VBS for a few years now)*; Awana, Kids Vibe, etc. (Christian Education)

In the 2020 the Planned Giving Fund Committee also put the following recommendations to the Board regarding disbursements; which was approved:

From Outreach: Boundary Trails for Palliative Care, Katie Cares, Red River Palliative Care, Morris Manor, and Local Family (to assist with recovery after a fire)

From Christian Education: Boundary Trails for Spiritual Care support

The following summarizes activity in 2020

Gifts to Fund	Disbursements (all years)	Interest Earned
\$0.00	Trf to Choir Account – \$200.00	\$1975.37
	Disbursements (see above) - \$2250.00	
	TOTAL: \$2450.00	

Please refer to the Treasurer's Planned Giving Report regarding interest earned and for further detail regarding funds that were dispensed.

The Committee has recommended that donations to the Lewis Music Fund be discontinued for 2021 as the amount in this Music Fund / Choir Account is sufficient. The recommendation was accepted by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Eadie on behalf of the Planned Giving Committee

(Sharon Eadie, Audrey McCrady, Ruth Coates, Pastor Leslie Poulin)

For more information, please contact Sharon at 746-2100

Morris United Church Planned Giving Fund Activity 2020				
<u>Planned Giving Endowment Plan</u>		Interest		
GIC #405 - 3.0% matures 6/19/21	\$13,685.00	\$411.67		
GIC #406 - 1.9% matures 8/18/21	\$13,685.00	\$359.03		
GIC #410 - 1.9% matures 9/16/21	\$17,500.00	\$723.69		
Total Interest Earned		\$1,494.39		
Interest Transferred to Project Sav Acct		\$1,494.39		
<u>Endowment Savings Account</u>				
Opening Balance Jan 1/2020	\$20.26			
Monthly Interest Earned to project fund	\$0.05			
Interest Earned from Endow GICs				
Amount Transferred to Project Sav Acct	-\$0.28			
Closing balance Dec 31/2020	\$20.03		total interest	
			income from	
Total Endowment funds	\$44,890.03		Planned Giving Plan	
			\$1,975.37	
<u>Planned Giving Project Plan</u>				
			All interest allocated	
GIC #409 - 1.9% matures 8/16/21	\$12,000.00	\$287.98	to the Outreach Fund	
GIC #412 - 2.3% matures 3/15/21	\$4,750.00	\$130.61	as per board motion	
Interest Transferred to Project Sav Acct		\$418.59		
<u>Project Savings Account</u>				
Balance Forward Jan 1/2020	\$14,843.24		Building Fund	
Income			\$12,070.33	2019
Prior years interest	463.98		\$12,003.66	2020
Interest transfer in from endowment GICs	\$1,494.39			
Interest transfer in from project GICs	\$418.59	\$1,975.37		
Monthly interest this acct	\$62.34		Outreach Fund	
Monthly interest Endowment Sav Acct	\$0.05		\$6,913.23	2019
<u>Expenses / Donations</u>			\$6,821.93	2020
Transfer to Choir Acct - BLDG/OR/CE	-\$200.00			
Boundary Trails, Spiritual Care - CE	-\$250.00			
Boundary Trails, Palliative Care OR	-\$250.00			
Katie Cares OR	-\$250.00		Christian Ed Fund	
Red River Palliative Care OR	-\$500.00	-\$2,450.00	\$13,073.67	2019
Morris Manor OR	-\$500.00		\$12,757.00	2020
Local family - fire OR	-\$500.00			
Balance as of Dec 31/2020	\$14,832.59			
			Total project funds	
Total Project Funds	\$31,582.59		\$31,582.59	
Available Project funds	\$31,582.59			
Total Planned Giving Funds	\$76,472.62			

January 24, 2021

Morris United Church Members:

As requested, I have examined the books and financial records of the Morris United Church for the calendar year 2020. During the course of my examination, such tests as were deemed necessary in accordance with accepted accounting principals were applied.

I find the records to have been well maintained, and there are no matters that require board attention.

The statements as presented, fairly state the financial position of the Morris United Church for the year ending 2020.

It is my pleasure to have been of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janke", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Janke, CMMA

Morris United Church **2020 Annual Financial Report**

The chart below is a summary of income and expense for 2020. Mission and Service income/disbursements are separated into its own column and not included in the income/expense lines.

Morris United Church		Monthly Summary		2020
	Income	Expenses	Rev / (Deficit)	M & S
Jan	3,371.17	5,137.52	-\$1,766.35	234.00
Feb	5,950.29	4,825.07	\$1,125.22	313.00
Mar	4,525.00	3,867.47	\$657.53	454.00
Apr	5,885.00	4,732.78	\$1,152.22	225.00
May	8,000.00	4,128.85	\$3,871.15	345.00
Jun	7,009.22	4,502.78	\$2,506.44	375.00
July	2,296.83	5,230.69	-\$2,933.86	225.00
Aug	3,365.00	3,569.34	-\$204.34	325.00
Sept	3,020.00	3,911.61	-\$891.61	237.00
Oct	2,955.00	5,322.10	-\$2,367.10	391.00
Nov	11,160.00	9,864.95	\$1,295.05	295.00
Dec	4,645.00	4,624.05	\$20.95	820.00
Total	62,182.51	59,717.21	2,465.30	4,239.00

This has been a difficult year for all of us and I must say I was very concerned when we entered into church closures in the spring and then again in fall; concerned whether the church could survive financially. I cannot say how much I appreciated the financial support the church received. I could pay bills when they came due, and I did not have to transfer money from the Savings Acct. Thank you everyone!

In January and February we did receive some rental income and the caterers gave us a cheque for \$2,500. That was wonderful! In May we received a will bequest in the amount of \$5,000, another wonderful surprise! In June we received the donations made through All Charities which always keeps us going through the summer months. In November we received some annual donations plus the Prov. of MB made the Bridge Grant available to charities. I applied and we received it very quickly, a bonus of \$5,000, just in time to pay the insurance policy!

As is the usual, payroll costs are the largest expense. We paid \$3,500 monthly to the ESM to cover ½ of the Pastor's salary, benefits, mileage and other expenses. We also continued to pay our custodian, as he kept up the building and the outside property.

Because of the closures, our expenses were down. It cost less to heat and cool the building. Our property /liability insurance went up a lot. It was an insurance industry wide trend this year. Sunday school did not resume, committees were not active. Our year end position shows income over expenses by \$2,465.30. That said, we must remember that \$10,000 was not a part of our regular income stream.

The Lutheran Church continues to contribute to our shared expenses. This year we received \$5,475.70, at the rate of 30% of net cost. Shared expenses are highlighted in yellow on the spreadsheet. The above table shows our expenses after the Lutheran share has been credited back into each expense line.

Our M&S objective was met for the year. We collected and submitted \$4,239.00.

In order to maintain our charitable status, a charity return is filed with CRA every year after the annual meeting. Anyone can review these reports on the CRA website by searching for Morris United Church.

Thank you for supporting the Morris United Church.

Respectfully submitted by Ruth Coates, Treasurer

Morris United Church - 2017, 208, 2019, 2020 Year End statements					2021 Proposed Budget		
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020		2021
	Year End	Year End	Year End	Budget	YTD		Proposed
<u>INCOME</u>							
A - Local Offerings	46,590.40	46,003.25	47,673.70	53,500.00	49,141.54		53,000.00
Other Charities	13,147.21	4,305.29	4,285.37	4,200.00	4,234.22	All Charities	4,200.00
Special Offerring		10,000.00	11,444.16		0.00		
Sunday School			150.00		0.00		
Other Miscellaneous	88.43	940.00	117.00		5,000.00	Bridge Grant	5000.00
Rent Revenue	1,440.00	1,715.00	3,026.00	2,370.00	75.00		1500.00
Weddings - Funerals	1,350.00	1,950.00	450.00		675.00		
Fundraising		120.00	0.00		0.00		
United Caterers	4,020.25	5,800.00	2,500.00	3,000.00	2,500.00		
Observer Income	200.00	175.00	225.00	225.00	225.00		225.00
GST income	238.61	206.54	244.39	300.00	331.75		236.70
Totals	67,074.90	71,215.08	70,115.62	63,595.00	62,182.51		64,161.70
<u>Receivables</u>							
GST expense	249.88	233.82	350.15	220.00	169.29		170.00
<u>Payables</u>							
Due to Revenue Canada in					-291.24		-295.56
out					291.24		295.56
<u>EXPENSES</u>							
<u>A- Payroll</u>							
Ecumenical Shared Ministry	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	\$3600*12	43,200.00
Minister Salary / Housing							
Benefits and Pulpit Supply							
Totals	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00		43,200.00
<u>B- Office & Admin Exp</u>							
Finance Cttee	44.95	46.92	49.80	100.00	0.00		100.00
ADP Charges	33.53			0.00	0.00		
Envelopes	103.48	107.34	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Bank Charges					0.00		
B-Office & Admin Exp				1,000.00	0.00		1000.00
Postage	208.66	174.24	109.78		95.63		
Copier	327.33	473.13	328.58		635.06	859.75	
Office Equipment			0.00		0.00		
Office Supplies	136.76	418.42	396.35		129.06		
Telephone	830.15	865.85	860.71	900.00	856.17		900.00
Internet	813.08	878.98	932.12	1,000.00	989.66	\$71.17*12	860.00
Music	450.00	350.00	450.00	490.00	200.00		450.00
Honorariums	800.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	1/3 at 30%	1200.00
Observer	200.00	175.00	225.00	225.00	225.00		225.00
Donations - Out Other **	0.00	880.00	367.00	100.00	0.00		100.00
UC Assessment	3,467.44	3,108.00	3,108.00	3,108.00	2,990.00	\$711.50*4	2846.00
Conference (United Church)	0.00	0.00	0.00	325.26	0.00		325.00
Lutheran Church of the Cross	-782.51	-895.92	-823.22	-1,017.00	-962.96		-1083.00
Totals	6,632.87	7,781.96	7,204.12	7,431.26	6,357.62		6,923.00

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2020		2021
C - Committees	Year End	Year End	Year End	Budget	Year End		Proposed
Fundraising				50.00	0.00		50.00
M&P - Outreach				50.00	0.00		50.00
Pastoral Care Ctte	16.57	39.95	17.85	50.00	0.00		50.00
Christian Ed Ctte				450.00	0.00		450.00
Sunday School	481.75	252.33	240.87		0.00		0.00
VBS - MCC Kits					0.00		0.00
Worship Ctte - Supplies	282.30	325.74	220.58	400.00	269.20		400.00
Worship -decoration & flower	93.92	95.85	135.43	220.00	42.65		250.00
Lutheran Church of the Cross	-187.37	-237.76	-169.81	-351.00	-77.60		-360.00
Totals	687.17	476.11	444.92	869.00	234.25		890.00
M - Bldg Maintenance							
Custodian	4,140.00	4,428.00	4,500.00	4,608.00	4,608.00		4,608.00
Custodian, CPP	31.68	45.96	51.00	58.20	58.20		61.00
Custodian, EI	94.44	102.96	102.12	102.00	102.00		102.00
WCB		100.00	60.00	100.00	80.00		100.00
Hydro - Electricity	1,038.00	1,274.27	1,207.80	1,350.00	936.30		1,350.00
Hydro - Gas	2,481.10	2,873.35	2,942.68	3,200.00	2,243.54		3,000.00
Insurance	4,384.36	4,585.68	4,691.95	4,800.00	5,700.00		5,870.00
Sewer - Water	236.44	238.36	246.22	250.00	250.30		260.00
Property Ctte		521.27	0.00		0.00		0.00
Property Tax	637.62	677.56	634.28	650.00	596.86		620.00
Furniture & Equipment			452.96		0.00		0.00
Garbage & recycling	0.00	0.00	416.04	210.00	213.07		220.00
Maint Supplies	943.10	1,343.52	418.77	1,350.00	602.92		1,350.00
Maint Services	2,061.17	546.00	586.50	2,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
Lutheran Church of the Cross	-4,823.09	-4,959.71	-4,864.38	-5,603.46	-4,435.14		-5,562.30
Totals	11,224.82	11,777.22	11,445.94	13,074.74	10,956.05		12,978.70
TOTAL INCOME	67,074.90	71,215.08	70,115.62	63,595.00	62,182.51		64,161.70
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,794.74	62,269.11	61,445.13	63,595.00	59,717.21		64,161.70
OVERALL TOTAL	6,280.16	8,945.97	8,670.49	0.00	2,465.30		0.00
Mission & Service	4,343.00	4,075.00	4,036.00	4,000.00	4,239.00		4,000.00
Special Projects		401.00					
Lutheran Share total	-5,792.97	-6,093.39	-5,857.41	-6,971.46	-5,475.70		-7,005.30
Morris United Church Account Balances as of December 31, 2020							
Operating Account				Choir Account			
Jan 1/2020	13,097.54			Jan 1/2020	1,780.67		
Income	62,182.51			Interest Jun & Dec	3.41		
Expenses	- 59,717.21			Transf in from PG	200.00		
Dec 31/2020	\$ 15,562.84			Dec 31/2020	\$ 1,984.08		
Savings Account				Energy Account			
Jan 1/2020	25,336.81			Jan 1/2020	2,523.00		
Interest - Jun & Dec	48.09			Interest Jun & Dec	5.17		
Dec 31/2020	\$ 25,384.90			Dec 31/2020	\$ 2,528.17		