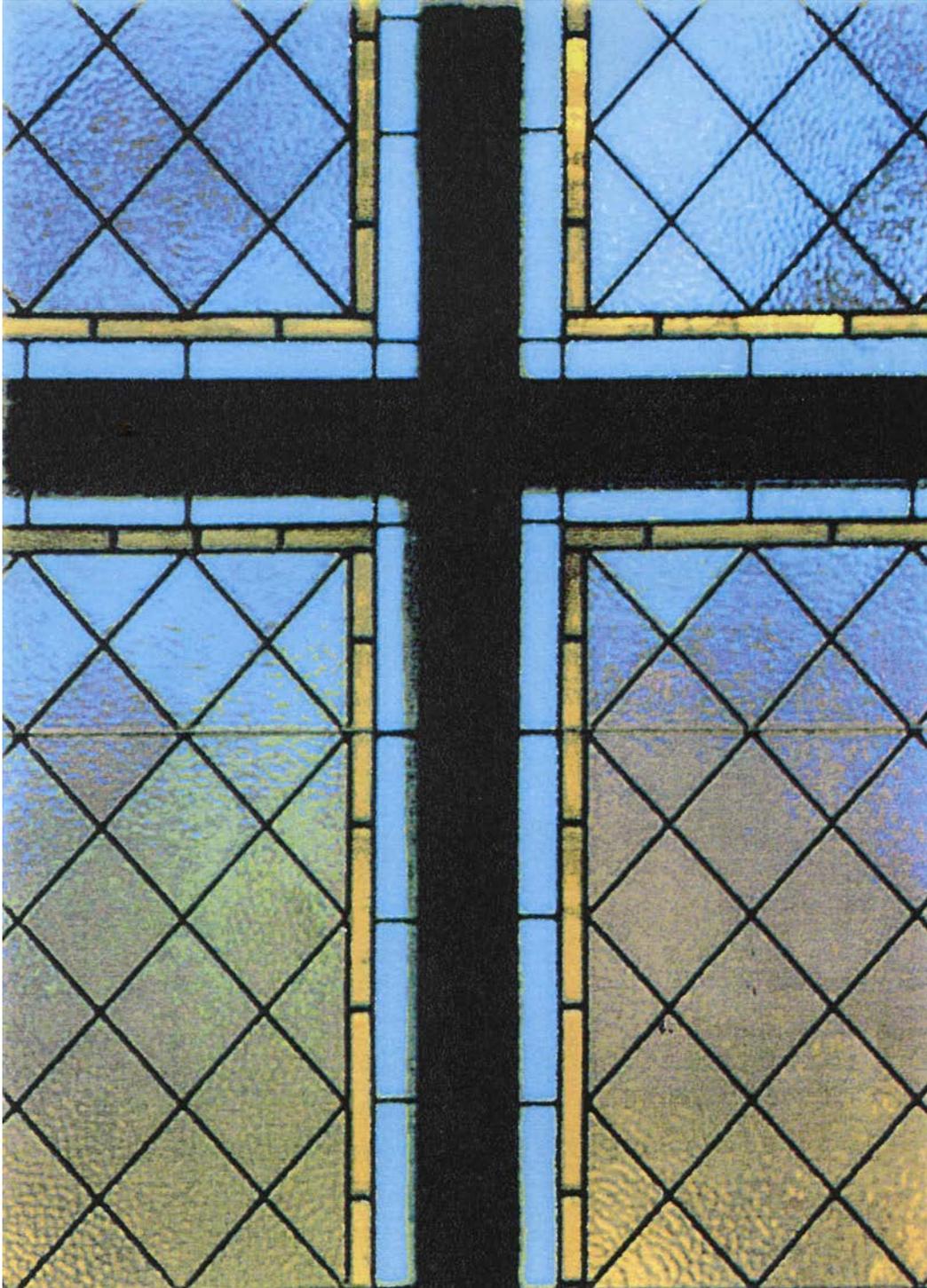


BROADWAY-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REPORTS FROM DEACONS

Deacons' Report

The 2020/2021 Deacons Board consisted of Ken Gowler, Lynne Billings, Bob Griffin, Carole Barber, Barbara Lyons, Lloyd Talbot as Clerk and Sheila Mitchell-Dueck as Chair. Lulu Galloway-White was with us for part of the year. We continued to meet on Tuesdays and although we needed to meet only 10 times a year, we found that there was no movement in some of the work we needed to do so for December, January and February, we met almost every other week.

We continued the practice of a pre-meeting devotional and closing prayer but more recently, we have started to take more time in prayer after our devotional. This has been for 2 main reasons, one to offer up our family to God and to remember them ourselves, and secondly to allow us to stop, listen and be led by the Holy Spirit as we looked to our church business and the future of Broadway.

The Deacons have had to focus this year on bringing church to the congregation in a unique way. I want to acknowledge the work and ingenuity of the Worship Planning group on enlisting speakers, music and events that have brought us together.

We provided hampers for a number of people over the year who needed help. Our use of a program through the Pioneer Camp allowed us to get more bang for our buck. We also used this as an opportunity to reach out to some others and to let them know we were thinking of them. Thank you to the shoppers and deliverers. The food we have given has made a difference and we were able to share some kindness.

In January we introduced our "Blues bags" to bring an interesting element into our Sunday Gatherings. Bags were delivered to those who joined Zoom regularly. Each Sunday in the breakout groups, a small gift was opened with an accompanying Bible verse. It gave the breakout groups something to talk about and to look forward to. Thank you, Barbara, for spearheading that.

We continued to offer a Wednesday Bible study and Prayer group. I want to thank those who were faithful and encouraged us all to consider participating next year.

We have backed down on our involvement with Care Portal, but are hopeful that we can become more engaged once our visioning and pastoral searching are done. Kent and Sheila participated in a larger group gathering (on Zoom) and we were able to deliver a stroller to someone in need. Lynne remains as the contact point just to keep the line open and has provided opportunities where we could participate. Thank you for your work Lynne.

In Normal times, when a pastor leaves, we would have struck a search committee and looked for an interim minister to help us through these months before a permanent solution was sought and found. However, these were not normal and as we were not meeting fully at the church, we decided to step back and understand the vision of the church before looking at who could lead us.

And while this wasn't the focus, this did allow us to put ourselves back to a positive cashflow. Through the graciousness of a multitude of service hosts, speakers, music makers, we were able to meet as a

family and connect with those on zoom. We have put together a budget and are aware of our limitations with respect to calling a pastor. We know that with our inhouse talents and a part time pastor our financial responsibilities will be aligned and still allow many to share their gifts and passions.

Our services have had challenges and may not have been perfect but they were ours and were born out of a desire to serve, honour and celebrate.

Some may be critical of the lack of physical connection in our sanctuary but it warmed my heart to see and hear everyone's voices on Sunday mornings. The breakout rooms have allowed people to have conversations with some that you would not normally have connected. My hope is that these connections will continue to draw us together when we return to our home at 790 Honeyman Ave.

I want to thank all the Deacons, the Treasurer and Church Clerk for their commitment and their conviction that has brought some good discussion and challenging topics to our meetings. I thank them for their willingness to explore ideas and listen to others. It has been good to get to know you all better.

My first time on Deacon's Board has been interesting. There is no normal, just a lot of people doing God's work. No Pastor to consult, just many people to ask questions and ask forgiveness when you forget to finish a motion. Carole Barber and Jon Hunt have been on speed dial all year and I thank them for their patience and help.

A thank you to Alice-Marie Dyck for taking charge of our office and tasks to get us ready for Sundays.

Thank you to Richard Billings as he finishes his tenure as our Treasurer. It was good to have someone who could lead in our financial matters and keep us mindful of our commitments. Your knowledge, attention to detail and drive will be missed.

A thank you to Lloyd Talbot for keeping us in line with the democratic process and keeping our Minutes. Thank you for your commitment to the board over the last number of years as our Church Clerk.

To the rest of you who have given your voices, your hands and your hearts to the work at Broadway over the last year, thank you.

We acknowledge that our physical doors at 790 Honeyman are closed to many because of COVID and we have not seen many congregants for over a year. You are not forgotten and remain in our thoughts and prayers.

I do look forward to the day we can be in Friendship Hall, enjoying some soup, in memory of those who have passed and in celebration of what we will build.

Amen....Sheila.

Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Board Chair

Visioning Committee

The Deacons have taken on a task like previous years, to discern a path for Broadway-first Baptist Church. Unlike previous years, we have released our pastor and given budget limitations, we are likely only able to hire for a part time pastoral position. As part of our pastoral search process, we realized that we needed to understand where BFBC is and where we need to go, before we could do any searches.

Over many meetings, the Deacons prayed, talked, brainstormed and listened. What are our strengths and weaknesses, are we a transitional or missional church? How does a church become more missional; how can we be more in the community? Etc.

We participated in a webinar in January entitled: The Church after COVID: allowing the Spirit to re-orient us around the mission of God. We received a “Loving your Neighbour CBWC booklet from Shannon Youell – engaging your neighbourhood.

We had Jason Peters from Forever Families come and talk to us about his model for house churches and how they are praising and coming together in smaller groups. We have also had many different speakers in our pulpit encouraging us.

Recently, Lynne Billings introduced “Launch” to the Deacons. It is an initiative from the CBAC to help churches understand where they are and where there may be opportunities in their neighbourhoods.

We have viewed the introduction and have committed to a 13-week study program. Starting May 12, Every Wednesday, the Deacons and any other interested people are invited to participate in hour long sessions in an effort to launch our ministry at BFBC. There will be some videos and breakout groups with discussion around the next best steps for our church. The introduction can be reviewed here. [Launch-Home \(reshapeatlantic.ca\)](https://reshapeatlantic.ca) I hope you will consider joining us for the journey. Because it is on Zoom, it will be easy to launch into wherever you are. Full disclosure: there may be homework some weeks.

We all look forward to the time we can be together, but we also need to understand what the church will look like. Will Zoom services ever completely go away?

Please join our journey and continue to pray for the discernment of your leadership group.

In Christ,

Sheila.

Worship Group

It's hard to say exactly how the Worship Group came into being – it kind of evolved out of a collection of speakers, singers, musicians and Deacons who organize and produce the service so that it makes it from the church to the homes across Winnipeg, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nicaragua and beyond.

With the transition from pre-recorded to Zoom services in May of 2020 we were stretched in some directions we didn't anticipate. Kent played piano from Clear Lake often with weak wi-fi connection. Hank Dixon delivered a message seated in his car while Linda and he waited to get a COVID test and sermons came from and into living rooms. These were memorable days.

Our church family members delivered the sermons on all but 2 Sundays in 2020 and over half in 2021. Thanks to Bob Barber, Bob Griffin, Barbara Lyons, Raymond Sokalski, Viv Rees, Mark Doerksen, Hank Dixon, Paul Gittel and Harvey Thiessen. In particular Bob Griffin and Barbara Lyons were very generous with their time and talents ensuring that our Sundays were rooted in the Word of God.

Guest speakers were introduced in a regular rotation starting in January 2021. This has become an essential part of our spiritual journey as we look toward calling a pastor. Thanks are due to Mike Thom, Jason Peters, Don Gibson, Charlene McAlpin and Brad Warkentin.

There isn't a person in this group that feels we've given you a perfect Zoom service. Every week something new and exciting complicated what worked well the week before. We lost recordings by shutting a computer off too soon, we lost WIFI connection in the middle of sermons but we also had more people involved in the services than ever before. God is with us, the seating is more comfortable, coffee is better and I am very thankful we have Zoom to keep us together.

A special thanks to Kent Gowler for blessing us with his musical gifts during the past year. Kent has played every Sunday since the Covid restrictions came into effect from Clear Lake and the sanctuary. It's hard to imagine what our services would have been like without him. Most Sundays Raymond Sokalski was side by side with Kent making our services come to life with song. Raymond also was our Zoom recording editor, fixing goofs and mistakes and then posting it all to You Tube. We are grateful for his contribution.

Leanne Gowler spends the hour before service sprucing up the sanctuary and inspecting every camera angle to ensure the sanctuary looks its best. Some mornings when I leave the house a little rushed, I expect her to brush my hair.

The members of this group were Barbara Lyons, Bob Griffin, Susan Stevenson, Raymond Sokalski, Kent Gowler, Sheila Mitchell-Dueck and yours truly. Meetings were called on an as needed basis and lasted about an hour. It's been rewarding working together to listen to what God is calling us to do in these interesting days.

Yours in Christ.

Jon

Property

It was a challenge caring properly for our building this fiscal year and Zoom could not fill the gap. In place of Zoom we had the Coach Programme to let us know when things were out of order.

The Coach Programme continued operation and expanded the hours to offer support to the families of their students on weekends. This started last year and continued for all of 2020 / 2021 and ensured that there was a presence in the building 7 days a week. They were diligent in the attention paid to issues as they arose and let me know of several heating issues in Friendship Hall.

The leader of the Coach Programme Nancy Mazur resigned her position in order to focus on caring for her son who has life threatening liver problems. She has been a constant week day presence at our church for many years and will be missed. Erin Skene has taken over for Nancy. She returns to Coach after about 10 years working somewhere else and has been good to work with so far.

Another development with the Coach Programme is that the teachers and Coaches are unionizing. Because of this the managers need to have separate office space from the teachers and Erin & Ashten were faced with moving off site to MacDonald Youth Services – a 15-minute drive away – leaving no on-site supervision. We have come up with an agreement that allows them to stay at the church. In late March they took over the main floor office (Pastor's Office), on condition of them funding renovations to another room for a new pastor's office. It hasn't been decided what room we will make-over but two possibilities are the 3rd floor youth room or the former pastors office / nursery. I believe this will work out well for both of us. We need separation from the activities of the Coach Programme because noise levels during the week make it difficult to use the pastor's office as a work space.

To conclude the topic of the Coach Programme I am still working through the 2021 – 2022 lease contract. In order to be fair on the rental rate increase I had to obtain the dimensions of the rooms they had in the past and increase the rent based on this. I am glad that we have them as part of our mission. They are part of our neighborhood and are very good to work with.

These are the highlights of the year.

- 1) Harvey and Ruth Thiessen have stepped into a leadership position with our building. They have been quietly working on projects like refinishing some of the pews outside the sanctuary, refinishing a table used in the sanctuary and monthly fire extinguisher inspection. It is good to have a new set of eyes looking for things to do in the building and I look forward to the days ahead when we will be able to get together to work on projects.
- 2) The elevator was repaired at the end of 2020. This was an expensive project and we timed the repair to coincide with a healthy bank balance. Although we currently don't need the elevator, we have been anticipating a return to Sunday morning services where it will be pressed back into action
- 3) Allan Holl would like to continue working on the drywall in Friendship Hall when he can come back to the building without interfering with the School. I speak with him every so often and it comes up every time. The work he has done so far looks very nice.

- 4) There have been leaking steam pipes to repair every month or so and once the boiler is shut off for the season, we will have to replace an old and corroded pipe that runs the length of the east wall of Friendship Hall. The expected cost of this is \$3,000.
- 5) Our other tenant – Lightning Fencing Club was not able to use our gym until February 2021. In order to space out their athletes they are also using Friendship Hall on a temporary basis.
- 6) Projects that need addressing are window frame rot on the CE wing, aged shingles on the roof and light bulb replacement in the sanctuary.
- 7) The Deacons have approved an energy assessment on our building that will help us to prioritize projects that will increase the energy efficiency of the building and reduce our costs. I am looking forward to having an outside resource that will help us to take a long term look at our priorities. Our building is a big asset in our future mission that needs to be looked after.

Finally, thanks to Oscar and Tess Vargas for faithfully cleaning and caring for the church in our absence. They do their work alone without supervision and they care about us. We are blessed to have them as part of our family.

Thanks for your continued support of building projects at Broadway-First.

Sincerely, Jon Hunt

Finance Report

Again, I would like to reiterate my thanks to Richard Billings for his service as Treasurer over the last 3+ years. He has managed to organize our financial work, make sure we are honouring our commitments and make our financial statements more understandable.

Our Accountants, Mclenehan and Associates announced in the fall that they were moving out of the non-profit business. We reviewed 3 options and decided to proceed with Thornton and Co. based on a recommendation and comfort level that we had.

With Richard's leaving, Richard, Sheila and Alice-Marie met with Tina Kerger of Tina's Bookworks on the recommendation of our new accountant, Thornton and Co. She will be providing bookkeeping services to us. We are confident and pleased with the recommendation and look forward to working with Tina.

Attached to this report are the financial statements and the independent practitioner's review engagement report from Thornton and Co. It indicates nothing came to their attention which would cause the financial statements to misrepresent fairly in all material respects the financial position of Broadway First Baptist Church as at December 31, 2020 and the results of operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting standards for not-for profit organizations.

This is a mouthful but basically – they are satisfied with our financial statements.

As for BFBC's finances, this year, there were a number of items that left us in a positive situation. Firstly, our Pastor, Joe Welty, finished his tenure in June 2020 so we were left without pastoral salary expenses. We also applied for and received some Grant funds from the government based on COVID.

We have had some maintenance repairs relative to our heating but the largest expense was for the Elevator. These costs were borne by an anonymous designated donation to offset the expense from Thyssenkrupp Elevator of just over \$4000. The work was done in the fall. These items offset each other in the Service/Maintenance elevator line.

Both of our tenants, Lightning fencing and the Coach's program have renewed their leases. In the winter, the coach's program approached us for an additional area for the managers to meet. We have provided them with Joe's old office and will be looking at renovating a new office space to accommodate a pastor that would be quieter and more private.

Some Financial highlights for 2020

Despite the fact we were not meeting in person, our envelope offering remained relatively consistent.

This year, we had no need to draw from the trust fund to cover a deficit.

We received \$5,000 in a grant from the provincial government.

Our budget for 2021 has highlighted the options for a part time pastor. We pray for God's guidance as we seek ways to further our ministry and wisely use the resources available to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Chair of Deacons.

Why Encounter Prayer Drives 2020

In November 2019 BFBC took part in a project to deliver 280 WHY books in our immediate neighbourhood. The books attempted to address the questions: Why am I on this earth? Where am I going? Why do things happen the way they do? Answering those questions was the purpose of the books, using the printed word to bring the message of hope to our neighbours.

Part of this project was the Prayer Drives held 4 times a year. The objective was to pray within a 3-hour time frame for all Winnipeg families. Individuals volunteer to drive/walk along specific streets and pray for people living in their homes. Several from BFBC have taken part in the prayer drives and some have prayed from their homes.

Each drive has brought insight and blessings to those who took part. The last prayer drive was held on March 20th. It became clear that COVID-19 was having a huge impact and our prayers were specific to those who were being challenged by the pandemic. Some of the prayers were: against contracting the virus, protection over children and schools, protection over essential workers, anxiety, job loss, reduced or no income, ability to pay rent and buy groceries, elderly more vulnerable, extreme loneliness, mental health issues, increased abuse, violence, drug addiction, alcoholism, and health issues. There is lots to pray about.

Continue to remember your neighbours in prayer and consider joining the next Prayer Drive scheduled for June.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne Billings

Benevolence Activities

This past summer we were able to join with Pioneer Camp to distribute hampers to those in need within our congregation and the community. Because Pioneer Camp was not able to hold overnight camps, their head chef, Sharon Stewart, sought a way to contribute to the community. These hampers were made available to any churches interested in partnering with the camp at cost, thanks in part to government grants and the camp's ability to obtain groceries at wholesale prices.

The hampers, which cost us \$55 for a 1–3-person household and \$110 for a larger household, featured all the ingredients to make three suppers as well as other fresh produce and some staples. Throughout the summer and early fall, we delivered one or more hampers to eight different households. The quality of the hampers was excellent and were well received by all the recipients. The three suppers concept was especially enjoyed.

The contacts made with non-church families came through CarePortal and requests made to the church by phone. We also delivered hampers to many of these folks at Christmas and Easter and at other times in between if a further request for help was made. Some of the Easter hampers also included shirts from those donated to the CarePortal programme. We continue to maintain contact with several of the non-church families.

Thanks to all who helped with shopping and delivery and of course those who donated to the Benevolence Fund this past year. Together, we have made a difference. As we bless those in need, we are blessed by their gratitude and their resilience in the face of hardship.

Brent and Barbara Lyons

Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer

A small number of us met each Wednesday night this season. The focus of the study was the book of Acts. We used *Thirty Years that Changed the World: the book of Acts for today* by Michael Green as a jumping off point for our discussion. This study was chosen as a means to consider how BFBC compares and contrasts with the early church.

Following the study, we had a time of prayer each week.

Barbara Lyons

University Student Grants

Many years ago the church received a substantial bequest that was designated for the support of university students from the congregation.

In the 2020/2021 academic year, the following students received support from this fund: Madelyn Gowler, Emily Hunt, Tirzah Lyons, Aaron Mitchell-Dueck, Jenna Mitchell-Dueck, and Anton Sokalski.

As a church, we are delighted that we are able to provide a concrete token of encouragement to these students as they pursue their studies.

Bob Barber

Canadian Baptist Ministries - CBM Champion Report

This is the third year that Broadway-First Baptist has been part of the CBM Champion Program. This program is made up of individuals who are connectors between the church and CBM. Broadway-First has continued to support our Partner-in-Mission, Andre Sibomana and his family this past year both financially and prayerfully. Andre has participated in some of our ZOOM services and reported on his work in Rwanda with Canadian Baptist Ministries. He also has spoken at a Men's Saturday meeting MOB via Zoom.

Another connector to the Overseas Mission aspect of our church is the CBM Prayerline Ministry that is also posted weekly on the church Facebook page. There is now one prayer request each week from our Global Field Workers around the world. This is another opportunity for us to pray for the work that Canadian Baptist Ministries is doing around the world "Embracing a Broken World through Word and Deed".

Peggi Talbot

MINISTRY GROUP REPORTS

Handbell Choir Report

Highlights from to May 3, 2020 to May 30, 2021

COVID definitely played havoc with the handbell choir this year. Since last year's report we were able to play two 12 bell arrangements as well as 4 bell tree solos. While this represented a major reduction in the number of times, we would normally play for worship services, it was more than many church bell choirs were able to manage and for this we give thanks. There was no Spring Ring concert and no IMC Handbell camp in 2020 nor in 2021, no Rochester Ringers, no Ring Out! Quartet and surprise – no substitutes! On the plus side, I took all the bells home in the fall for full cleaning, maintenance/repair and thorough polishing.

This past fall, COVID restrictions were 'loose' enough (10 individuals permitted in the sanctuary for Sunday services) that six of our ringers were able to play a 12-bell arrangement by Patricia Sanders Cota, of 'Give Thanks' for Thanksgiving Sunday. We restricted our Wednesday night rehearsals to 30 minutes (approximately half our normal practice time) and observed the following safety protocols: masks were worn at all times in the church; hands sanitized upon entry; ringers signed in for contact tracing purposes; they collected their own music binder from the storage box and their bells (two each so no sharing) from the cases; stands were be labelled and placed 6 feet apart in the choir loft and on the dais; at the end of rehearsal bells were wiped down with special polishing cloths assigned to each individual; bells were returned to the appropriate case; polishing cloths were placed back in individual binders and those binders replaced in the storage box. I collected the bell cases from the closet prior to rehearsals and Raymond returned them there afterwards (we also sanitized the handles of the cases before and after practice). Anyone not feeling well or with any COVID symptoms was restricted from rehearsals/performance which led to me playing bells for the Thanksgiving service instead of one of the ringers who found out she had been exposed to a family member who tested positive a couple of days before we were to play. A slightly different group of six ringers volunteered to ring for the Palm Sunday Service. Once again, we followed the safety protocols that we had observed for Thanksgiving and thankfully no one had to drop out at the last minute

so this time I got to direct them as they played another 12-bell arrangement by Patricia Cota, 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'. A happy discovery was the realization that the acoustics of our sanctuary, especially in the choir loft, seem well suited to fewer bells and limited number of ringers which makes the 12 bell arrangements sound fuller than they would otherwise.

There were requests for bell music for Advent/Christmas season when we were well into Code Red restrictions so I decided to try my hand at solo ringing using a bell tree. I had been introduced to this particular technique at various MBGEHR workshops as well as at IMC handbell camp over the years and it seemed to be the 'flavour of COVID' as far as material I was seeing on Face Book handbell sites as well as on the websites of various handbell publishers. Kent Gowler said he was up for playing accompaniments so I ordered a copy of 'Bell Tree Christmas' by Linda Lamb and started working on some of the pieces. Morna-June Morrow lent me her bell tree (thank you M-J) and provided a bit of coaching and I watched a lot of YouTube videos featuring bell tree solo ringers of various levels of competency. Between lots of practicing at home and rehearsals on Saturday afternoons at the church, Kent and I managed to work out the logistics of three of the pieces. We recorded the two pieces for Christmas Eve ('On Christmas Night All Christians Sing' arr. Linda Lamb and 'Silent Night' arr. Nancy Hascall) since that service was to be held completely on Zoom and played the third piece, 'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel' (arr. Linda Lamb), live for the Advent 3 Lessons and Carols service. When Easter was approaching and we weren't sure what was going to happen to restrictions, Kent and I started working on another Linda Lamb arrangement of a tune known as 'Noel Nouvelet'. This is a 15th century French melody which has been used for both the Easter hymn 'Now the Green Blade Rises' as well as the Christmas hymn 'Sing We Now of Christmas'. We played it live on Easter Sunday. A big thank you to Kent for sticking with me on this undertaking and being such a competent, supportive collaborator.

Back in the fall/early winter we all thought we would be back to ringing by now, especially since most of us have had at least one vaccination, but this is not the case. We now have our fingers crossed that we will all be able to resume ringing in the fall. If not, we will figure out some way that we can ring praise to God who gives us the gift of music for which we give thanks.

On behalf of the ringers: Bob Barber, Marianne Dagenais, Jenny Jeffers, Karin Klassen, Amy Lowe, Sandra Mann, Morna-June Morrow, Ann Pound-Holl, Viola Prowse, Raymond Sokalski and Peggi Talbot – thank you for your support over the past year

Respectfully submitted

Susan Stevenson

Handbell Choir Director

Connections Newsletter Report For 2020-21

COVID may have put a crimp in a lot of our activities, church related or otherwise, this past year, however, it had little effect on the Connections newsletter. As usual, this missive was published 11 times since the last report (once a month with the exception of a combined July/August issue). It still featured the Deacons Diary, financial report, the Back Page 'Thoughts On...', information on Women's virtual meeting opportunities, and MOB virtual meetings. A big thank you to Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Richard Billings, Viv Rees, Peggi Talbot, Lloyd Talbot and Bob Griffin for providing this information month after month and for putting up with my nagging when deadlines weren't quite met. Thanks to Viv Rees who does the proofreading and also to anyone else who contributed photos, quotes, additional articles and suggestions for material that could be included over the past year. This newsletter is meant to be for every member of the congregation and your individual contributions are just as important as the ones that you expect to see on a regular basis every month.

The major change this year due to COVID, was the fact that we opted for email to distribute all but about 16 copies (there are some members who don't have ready access to computers and email so they continue to receive a paper copy of the newsletter to keep them up to date). Changing to e-publication/distribution meant we were able to tweak the format so that it was easier to read on a screen – be it cell phone, tablet or computer yet still be printed easily if the reader preferred a hard copy. It also means you can now enjoy any photos which appear in the newsletter in colour. After a bit of experimenting we decided to retain the two column format but change from landscape to portrait layout, go from single spaced to 1.5 and add a border and page numbers. All this is possible thanks to Alice-Marie Dyck, Administrative Assistant extraordinaire, who is able to take the Word document I put together, drop it into Publisher and make sure that all the links and formatting comes out properly in the finished PDF version. She also maintains the email circulation list for the electronic copies, makes sure the newsletter goes out as scheduled, and prints and mails the hard copies.

Please continue to forward you submissions to the editor at: bfbc.news@gmail.com and don't worry about submitting in advance of a monthly deadline – your material will not be lost among day to day emails since this address is reserved strictly for the newsletter. Once a newsletter is complete and circulated, all the emails in the newsletter inbox are moved to a folder labeled with the month and date of the completed issue so that emails for the upcoming month are easily recognizable and do not get mixed with those already dealt with. I cannot guarantee the same is true for my 'regular' email address listed in the church directory, so best not to send material to that one.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Stevenson

Editor, Connections Newsletter

Women's Christian Fellowship (WCF)

We are a very small group and have not been active for the past year and one half. A few of the women attend the MOB online meetings and also the MWIF zoom studies.

Women we remember this past year are Eileen Pound, April 2020, Edna Cameron, July 2020, Roberta York, July 2020.

When the COVID restrictions ease up and we can meet, we will discuss the future of the group and make some decisions.

Submitted by Peggi Talbot and Lynda Dick

MOB Report – 2020-2021

The Men of Broadway (MOB) met by Zoom on several Saturday mornings during the COVID-19 period. The special/guest speakers included Mark Doerksen, Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (CBWC) Regional Minister for Manitoba and Saskatchewan; Andre Sibomana, our Partner in Mission in Rwanda; Jason Peter, of Safe Families; and others. These were opportunities to learn about our shared missions and to spend time in prayer and times of worship and devotion. We missed our times together in person around the breakfast table.

The MOB enjoyed raising funds for mission projects and taking the leadership in making needed improvements to our church facility. Repairs were made to Friendship Hall and lower-level flooring.

The passing of Orval Voakes and Alf Laser was received with sadness as we will miss their leadership and contributions that the MOB has made to our church for many years.

Submitted by Lloyd Talbot

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program (CVITP) 2020

For the sixth year in a row, Broadway-First Baptist Church participated in the CVITP by hosting tax clinics at 790 Honeyman Avenue.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we were only able to host the clinic for one Tuesday session before having to make a difficult decision to suspend any further sessions.

This was not an easy decision on the part of the volunteers, but the health and safety of those involved was a priority and as such, the decision to close was taken.

We look forward to the possibility of continuing the Program in 2021, taking into consideration all health and safety concerns at that time.

Submitted by:

Richard Billings

Co-ordinator B-FBC CVITP 2020

SPECIAL REPORTS

Membership Report 2020 - 2021

Active Members as of May 20, 2020 89

1 New Members.

a	By Baptism	0	
b	By Transfeir	0	
c	By Experience	0	89

2 Removals

a.	Active to Inactive	0	
b.	Transferred Out	2	
c.	By Death	4	-6

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Active Members as of May 14, 2021 83

Detail

New Members. 0

Deaths of Members

Edna Cameron

Margaret Runtz

Orval Voakes

Roberta York

**BROADWAY-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
 PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DEACONS/DIRECTORS
 FOR THE CHURCH YEAR 2021-2022**

OFFICERS

TERM	POSITION	NAME	START(ED)	END
3 year	Chair of Board	Sheila Mitchell-Dueck	2020	2023
1 Year	Treasurer	1	2021	
1 Year	Financial Secretary	Bob Barber	2013	2022
1 Year	Church Clerk	Lynda Dick	2021	2022
2 Years	Trust Fund Manager	2		
2 Year	Trust Fund Manager	2		

1. Treasurer's position to be filled by bookkeeper, Tina Kerger of Tina's Bookworks
2. Recommendation of the Nominating committee/Deacons that these positions be assumed by the Financial Secretary and a deacon to be appointed by the board due to the nature of the current Trust Fund

DEACONS/DIRECTORS	YEAR TO END
Kent Gowler	2022
Barbara Lyons	2022
Bob Griffin	2023
Lynne Billings	2024
Susan Stevenson	2024
Peggi Talbot	2024

Broadway-First Baptist Church

Annual General Meeting – June 4, 2020

1. Call the meeting to order, devotional and prayer

- Deacons Board Chairman Jon Hunt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Given that the meeting could not be held in person in the Broadway-First Baptist Church building, it was held electronically using Zoom.
- Jon Hunt outlined how the meeting would proceed. Votes would be by a show of hands except that three of the votes would be by mail in paper ballots. This process was an exception to the bylaws due the COVID – 19, but would enable more of the membership to participate, as several do not have computers, lack the ability to use them, are incapacitated, or are out of town.
- As an opening reading, Jon read from a family devotional book about neighbourhood Peace making. Due to some Internet instability, he did not continue the reading.
- He asked Bob Griffin to open the meeting with prayer.

1.a. confirmation of quorum

- Quorum was confirmed by Church Clerk, Lloyd Talbot. 32 members and 2 adherents were in attendance.
- Dave Thomas questioned the quorum number. It was clarified that 25 percent of the membership or 23 members attending constitutes a quorum, as per Bylaw No. 3 adopted on May 24, 2014.

1.b. adoption of the agenda

- The Chairman invited a mover and seconder for the adoption of the agenda (**Motion** adoption by show of hands).

Moved by Rubin Pohl; **Seconded** by Peggi Talbot. **Carried.**

2. Remembrances of members who have passed away this past year.

- A moment of silence was observed in memory of the members (Muriel Mears and Eileen Pound) who passed away since the last AGM. The Chairman commented that these were wonderful ladies who will be missed.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meetings (jointly, **Motion** adoption by show of hands)

Minutes of June 6, 2019 AGM and the February 23, 2020 Budget Meeting.

Moved by Lloyd Talbot; **Seconded** by Beryl Gray. **Carried.**

4. Commission reports - except Nominating Committee and Financial Statements (as a block, by **Motion** and voted on by mail-in paper ballots)

Moved by Alice-Marie Dyck; **Seconded** by Lynne Billings. Approval subject to votes by mail-in paper ballots.

5. Report of the Nominating Committee for the appointment of Officers and Deacons (**Motion** to be voted on by mail-in paper ballots)

- The report was presented by Jon Hunt. He thanked Nominating Committee members for their service. He explained the rationale for Bob Griffin's second three-year term as a Deacon and described the service he has provided. Sheila Mitchell-Dueck would be Board Chair. Carole Barber would be Vice Chair for one year.

Moved by Alice-Marie Dyck; **Seconded** by Lynne Billings. Approval subject to votes by mail-in paper ballots.

6. Presentation of the Reviewed Financial Statements and **Motion** to be voted on by mail-in paper ballots.

- There was discussion of the rationale for a review or audit. A review is less expensive than a full audit, but still needed to maintain charitable status.

Moved by Richard Billings; **Seconded** by Bob Griffin. Approval subject to votes by mail-in paper ballots.

7. Appointment of the accounting firm of McLenehan and Associates, Chartered Professional Accountants to be retained by Broadway-First Baptist Church, Inc. as reviewers/accountants for 2020 (**Motion** adoption by show of hands).

- There was discussion of the rationale for a financial review vs audit. A review is less expensive than a full audit, but still needed to maintain charitable status.

Moved by Richard Billings; **Seconded** by Bob Barber. **Carried.**

7. Open Floor

- Jon Hunt outlined some the steps forward to be taken.

- Self pastoring and internal speakers at services will continue for the interim.

- COVID – 19 causes some uncertainty, as do our finances.

- Dave Thomas raised the need for a vision for the church. This was echoed by Brent Lyons. Others such as Kent Gowler, Harvey Thiessen and Les McCann indicated their willingness to participate in a visioning process. We need to explore possibilities.

- A **Motion** for adoption by show of hands to establish a Vision Committee for the Future of Broadway-First Baptist Church was put forward.

Moved by Dave Thomas; **Seconded** by Brent Lyons. **Carried.**

8. At Katherine Twaddle's suggestion Jon Hunt continued his reading on Peace from his family's devotional book.

9. Jon Hunt offered a closing prayer.

10. **Motion** for adjournment.

Moved by Susan Stevenson at 9:15 pm.

Minutes taken and prepared by Lloyd Talbot, Church Clerk

BROADWAY-FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Annual Financial Meeting by Zoom

February 21, 2021

1. Call to order and Motion to Convene the Annual Budget Meeting

Sheila Mitchell-Dueck, Chair of Deacons, called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. The Church Clerk, Lloyd Talbot, confirmed that a **Quorum** was present. The Budget proposal has been mailed to members not using Zoom. Their votes will be added on February 26, 2021.

Motion to convene the 2021 Annual Budget Meeting

Moved by Jon Hunt, **Seconded** by Harvey Thiessen. **Carried**.

2. Opening, Appreciation and Prayer

Sheila Mitchell-Dueck thanked the budget preparation group, including Lynda Dick, Bob Griffin and Richard Billings, and the Scrutineers. She advised that Richard Billings is stepping down as Treasurer, thanked him and advised that a search is under way for a new one. She offered an opening prayer.

3. Presentation of the Budget

Sheila Mitchell-Dueck invited Richard Billings, church treasurer, to present the proposed 2021 budget. Richard thanked Sheila Mitchell-Dueck and Alice-Marie Dyck for their assistance. Richard Billings outlined the proposed budget on a line-by-line basis. The proposal is for a surplus that would be allocated to pastoral support. An adjustment was made to reflect debt repayment.

Questions were raised about capital maintenance, and the piano and organ.

Motion to **Adopt** the 2021 Budget as proposed.

Moved by Bob Griffin, **Seconded** by Kent Gowler. **Carried**, subject to receipt of mail in/e-mail/ etc. votes.

4. Comments on Pastoral Financing Options, Auditor, General Discussion and Closing Prayer

4.1 The Chair reported that an options outline had been prepared respecting financing a pastor. Richard Billings provided an explanation of each option. He advised that a new Auditor is needed.

Motion to **Appoint** Thornton and Co. as Church Auditors.

Moved by Jon Hunt, **Seconded** by Bob Griffin. **Carried**.

4.2 A question was raised about the future vision survey of the congregation. The Chair advised that additional input will be appreciated and that to date no firm direction has been discerned but that the Deacons are seeking guidance.

4.3 Jon Hunt closed the meeting with prayer.

5. Adjournment

Susan Stevenson moved that the meeting be **Adjourned**.

2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO BE ADOPTED

Appendix III