

HILLHURST UNITED CHURCH

2021/2022

ANNUAL REPORT



JOHN PENTLAND

What a year it has been!

Our church has managed the pandemic with a strong sense of hopefulness. We have learned, languished, and laughed together in this season. We have experienced the loss of loved ones, the pain of broken relationships, the nastiness of divisive politics, and a profound sense of bewilderment about the way forward.

Perhaps the greatest highlight of the year came in January with the arrival of a new minister, Rev. Andria Irwin. What a breath of fresh air and joy she has brought! We are thrilled to have her in our midst and look forward to her leadership with us.

Throughout 2021 and most of 2022 we held church online. Who would have imagined church shifting to this online connection? It became a lifeline for many. Finally, on April 3, 2022, we returned to the building with masks on and many safety precautions in place while also live-streaming to our online congregation.

That first Sunday back, we were bundled in coats and scarves, with doors and windows wide open for ventilation... in April... in Calgary! That was one for the history books. As the Sundays rolled on, we grew more comfortable. We are remembering – and reinventing – how to do church.

Over the months, many congregants have returned to the sanctuary and many continue to join online. I am grateful for Anne and the tech team who make this online connection work beautifully. I love that we have people in B.C., Ontario, the states, etc. who identify as Hillhurst United congregants. This is the blessing of technology.

On a personal note, it has been a challenging year. I appreciate people's gracious understanding in this time and I, like you, am finding my way in a new way of being. There have been many days I wondered if I could continue on and through the kindnesses of others, I persisted. Thank you.

I believe we won't know the full impact of the pandemic on individuals and institutions for some time, but I am pleased to be part of a church that excelled in this time. We did so not seeking perfection, but rather by committing to trying new things. We are taking our time becoming who we are called to be. I am excited about what is next!

Our board has been in a time of discernment and we will continue to look ahead wisely. Our church was supported with strong financial gifts that have kept our seven-day-a-week church flourishing. Your commitment to the Spirit's work through this time is humbling.

I hope you will help us connect with you more fully. Let us know how we can serve you better so that you can serve the world better.

I trust that God will be an ever-present to guide us as we seek to live the gospel and engage the world with a deeper courage and compassion.

May God be with us,

JOHN PENTLAND

Lead Minister



ANDRIA IRWIN

It is hard to believe that it was only seven months ago that John and I stood in front of the upside-down church in Calgary's East Village and welcomed me "home" to this place that was so new and yet so familiar. Since then, it has been an adventure of the best kind getting to know you all and the way this 'upside-down' church serves each of you and the city/greater church.

Hillhurst has introduced itself to me in this changing and challenging time with great conviction and clarity. We are not who we were in the B.C. times (Before COVID), but we are still a strong, hopeful, charismatic, caring, and welcoming space for any who dare to walk through the doors – virtually or in person.

From ushering in our first in-person service in over two years, committing in new ways to our online community, honouring the life and mourning the death of deeply loved members of this family, welcoming new members and saying goodbye to those who have moved on, sharing our first communion in this new way, approving new renovation plans, navigating staff changes, celebrating one million (!) dollars in financial givings, and starting one of the largest faith-led Ukrainian support efforts in the city ... this has been a year to remember. To see us all stand together in solidarity while massive change begins to re-define who Hillhurst is today has been a testimony to the ever-present Spirit that this community has always sought to heed and follow.

I have been blessed to have the opportunity to work alongside John and Anne as they steer this ship and am grateful for the endless learning opportunities, creative brainstorming sessions, loud laughs, and faithful tears we have shared as we have not only worked together, but done life together over the past months. The rest of the staff who work diligently to keep the ministries of this place working seven-days-a-week are a team of faithful, innovative, passionate, and selfless individuals who I count myself lucky to be amongst.

We are not the same community we were two years ago, but we are the only Hillhurst I've known. What I see (with my new eyes), is that even here and even now, we are a community of people led by love to follow our hearts into the depths of where they hurt and speak life into those shadows for all to see. This is a place where there is mourning and dancing, brokenness and healing, pain and joy, doubt and conviction. Whoever we are and wherever we're at, may we continue to be a part of making it so.

ANDRIA IRWIN

Associate Minister





ANNE YATES - LABERGE

Looking back on the past year, all I can say is – WOW – I forgot we did all that!

This year has been transition on transition on transition. There has not been a lot of time to stop and reflect, although I often have moments of awe at how far we have come as a staff and a church.

The first big transition was moving from pre-recording services to live-streaming in person services. It was a big change – we could no longer do multiple takes, cut things out with editing, or add things in later. We had to remember how to do church *in order* with no stopping! While pre-recording had its perks (like having Sunday mornings off) it is a joy to have real-time feedback and interaction from congregants both in the sanctuary and online.

The other major transition was welcoming Andria to the ministry team. In short, I am SO glad she is here! Truly, she was the best candidate for the job, and I know she will thrive at Hillhurst United.

We also brought on new staff members in music, administration, and finance. We launched, paused, and re-launched the Annex renovation plan. We almost transitioned back to the building several times – usually finalizing all the logistics and communications mere moments before the government announced a change in COVID protocols!

With Andria on board and with worship back in person, I am able to transition some things off my plate – namely, overseeing ministry programming and worship production. This is a unique role and I wear many hats at any given time.

One of these projects is helping Ukrainian evacuees who have arrived in Calgary. I cannot even begin to explain the dozens of heartbreakingly beautiful things happening week after week. The relationships, resilience, and generosity from our congregants are breathtaking. To me, this is a way we are living our call to be the church in a very tangible way.

There is so much good happening at Hillhurst and I am excited for what's to come.

With thanks,

ANNE YATES-LABERGE

Executive Director





Leadership retreat in Canmore



Andria Irwin's first Sunday, January 2021



Christmas 2021



Easter Sunday, 2022



All smiles after the February online congregational meeting.



Andria Irwin Covenanting ceremony, May 2022.



Checking out Hillhurst's potential south campus.



Filming online communion.



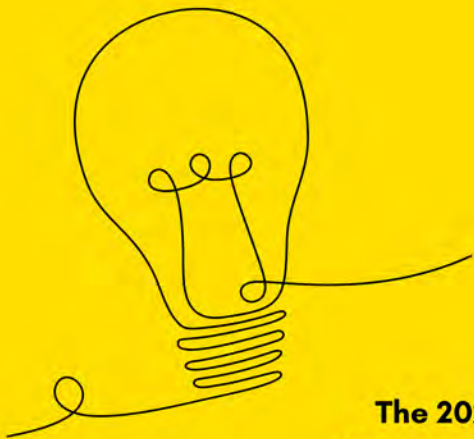
Showing Andria around Kensington.



Andria's visit to Calgary in the summer of 2021.



Ash Wednesday, 2022



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The 2021/2022 Board of Directors served during the height of the pandemic. Meeting online, the board gathered each month to discern this new version of church life and how to keep the congregation connected. As part of this discernment, the board explored the book "How To Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going" by Susan Beaumont.



Anne Kleffner
Past Chair



Dave Harker
Treasurer



Spirit River Striped Wolf, Secretary



Lea Komaromi,
Member at Large



David Keegan,
Member at Large



Mona Lutfy
Ministry and Personnel
Representative



STAFF TEAM

Throughout 2021/2022, the staff team saw several evolutions. Pictured are all the wonderful people who were on staff between June 2021 and June 2022.



John Pentland
Lead Minister



Andria Irwin
Associate Minister



Anne Yates-Laberge
Executive Director



Kim Holmes-Younger
Student Minister



Keith Murray
Social Justice Lead



Tony Snow
Indigenous Lead



Eugene Irwin
Emotional Staff Support Lead



Jim Arthurs
Contemplative Lead



Amanda Massey
Choir Director



Greg Massey
Choir Accompanist



Christy Guenter
Accompanist



Jesse Peters
Music Artist in Residence



Ilinca Poon
Children's Ministry Lead



Herman Shiu-Hong Ng
Kidspace



Bethanie Tillet-Wair
Kidspace



Regan Loney
Youth Lead



Jampa Tseten
Caretaker



Christine Lindberg
Wedding and Funeral Coordinator



Justin Macosky
Intern Executive Assistant



Sarah Elliot
Communications Lead



Peter Kelsch
Finance Administrator



Surina Gupta
Bookkeeper



Mike Nigay
Audio Visual Team



Mia Rubio
Audio Visual Team



Cameron Wise
Audio Visual Team



Adam Yates-Laberge
Audio Visual Team

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P) functions as the church's human resource department, responsible for supporting and overseeing the ministry personnel and lay staff of Hillhurst United Church. The members of the committee in 2021/2022 were Dale Mastre and Mona Lutfy, co-chairs, and Barbara Key. Below is a note from the co-chairs:

Hello everyone,

Beginning in 2022, M&P initiated conversations with the leadership staff to build a relationship between us and them, so communication flowed easily and smoothly. These conversations were followed by meeting with the leaders of the different small ministries. Several exit interviews were held with staff leaving Hillhurst to learn what they valued about the church's leadership and management practices. The value of the information gathered from all the interviews will guide the development of human resources practices for Hillhurst United's future.

It has been a busy year, and one that has been rewarding in many ways. The committee is grateful to serve Hillhurst and we have found the work rewarding.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mona Lutfy and Dale Mastre
Co-Chairs
Ministry & Personnel Committee**



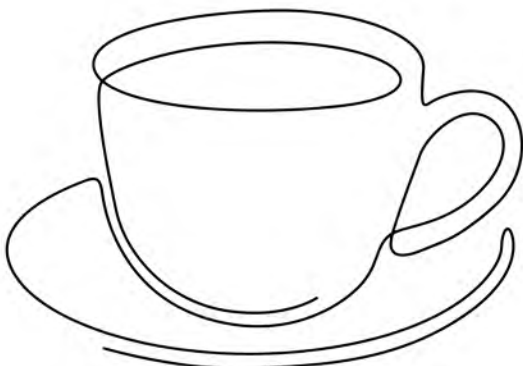
Mona Lutfy



Dale Mastre



Barbara Key



CONTEMPLATIVE MINISTRY



Throughout the pandemic, the Contemplative Ministry saw huge growth. Through weekly Zoom gatherings, congregants connected to the Spirit in new ways. In 2021/2022, the Contemplative Ministry offered:

Mindful Mornings: A brief time of centring, followed by an invitation to a 20-minute practice of presence such as meditation, journaling, or reading, followed by a brief time to share and connect with others. Offered daily except for Wednesdays and Sundays. Led by congregant and Vancouver School of Theology, William Brook.

Mindful Movement: Twenty minutes of creative movement/embodied prayer to a curated playlist, followed by ten minutes of seated silent meditation. Based on the 5Rhythms identified by Gabriel Roth: flow, staccato, chaos, lyrical, and stillness. Offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Led by congregant Cathie Kernaghan.

DayBreak: An online Contemplative Service of quiet reflection, gentle music, and meditation. Wednesday mornings, previously led by Jim Arthurs, now led by William Brook. In December 2021, Jim stepped down from his leadership role with the contemplative ministry. We're grateful for Jim's many years of wisdom, enthusiasm, and commitment to leading DayBreak and are pleased that he has continued as a congregant and volunteer.

In 2021, DayBreak reflected on the wisdom of several books including "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron, "Into the Silent Land" by Martin Laird, "Indigenous Wisdom For Living Spirit Based Change" by Sherri Mitchell, "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Robin Wall Kimmerer, and "The Seven Spiritual Gifts of Waiting" by Holly W. Whitcomb.

In 2022, DayBreak was offered monthly instead of weekly. In the spring of 2022, DayBreak began meeting in person for contemplative walks in nature.

Other Offerings:

In the fall of 2021, artist and congregant Barbara Amos offered "Drawing Mindfully," a course on the spiritual practice of drawing.

Days End, an evening version of DayBreak, was offered during Advent. The series included readings, quiet reflection, and live music with Jesse Peters, Hillhurst United's Artist in Residence.



SPIRITUAL NURTURE

Spiritual Nurture is a group that gathers on Monday evenings for connection, content, and conversation to grow and deepen their spiritual lives. Through book studies, films, and guest speakers, Spiritual Nurture is a time for thoughtful, playful, and deeply spiritual conversations.

In 2021, Spiritual Nurture explored themes of:

The H.E.R.O.'s Journey with Jane Crowshaw | October/November, 2021

Guest speaker and leadership coach, Jane Crowshaw, led this series alongside John Pentland. The series explored the acronym H.E.R.O – Heart, Enthusiasm, Resilience, and Ownership. The series asked the question, how can we align our lives with our soul's purpose and help others do the same?

Activating Advent | November/December, 2021

With guidance from a different leader each week, congregants were invited to step into a space of unknowing to consider hope, peace, joy and love as both a state of being and calls to action.

The R.A.I.N of Compassion | January/February 2022

Using the work of author, psychologist, and teacher, Tara Brach as a guide, Spiritual Nurture explored "Radical Compassion," using Brach's acronym, R.A.I.N – Recognize, Allow, Investigate and Nurture.

Lament, a Lenten Series | March/April, 2022

Lament, the most common form of prayer in the Old Testament, encourages us to deliberately pour out our anguish in concrete ways.

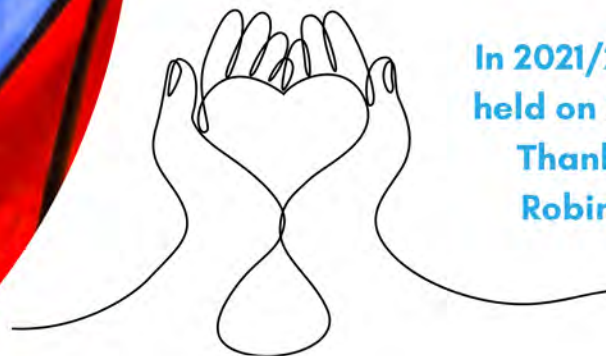
In this Lenten series, a variety of guest facilitators guided the Spiritual Nurture group through a different creative form of lament such as poetry, music, art, justice, and dance.

Exploring Spiritual Intelligence | April/May, 2022

Led by congregant and retired minister, John Griffith, this series explored the meaning of being "spiritual but not religious." The series asked questions like, what is the history of spirituality? How is it related to being human?

In 2021/2022, Spiritual Nurture was held on Zoom on Mondays at 7 pm.

Thank you to the Planning Team, Robin Galey, Janet Frohlich, and Donna Friesen.





EXPLORING ELDERHOOD

Exploring Elderhood gathers once a month for rich and lively conversations around aging well. This year, the group shared leadership, with different members facilitating conversations. They were also joined by several guest speakers. Here's what Elderhood explored last year:

Indigenous Perspectives of Elderhood | August, 2021
Tony Snow, Indigenous Lead at Hillhurst United Church and Indigenous Minister, Chinook Winds Region, presented on Indigenous perspectives of elderhood based on the book "These Mountains Are Our Sacred Places: The Story of the Stoney People" by John Snow.

Exploring the Relationship Between "Spiritual" and "Religious" | September, 2021 | John Pentland, Lead Minister, led a conversation on the commonly used phrase, "spiritual but not religious," asking, what is the benefit of being both spiritual *and* religious?

Going Beyond the Ego with David Finch | October, 2021 | Congregant David Finch led a discussion about how we can connect with our true selves by getting ego out of the way.

Life is Political with Dr. David Swann | November, 2021 | Based on his own experience and growing awareness that "life is political," Dr. David Swann led the group through questions like: What are politics? How do they matter to elders in our community? What political issues are important for elders to engage with? David is a congregant and former leader of the Alberta Liberal Party.

Reviewing Your Lived and Unlived Life with Dr. Connie Zweig | December, 2021 | Dr. Connie Zweig, retired therapist and author, presented on how to review our lived and unlived lives. The group was invited to do a traditional midlife review, recounting what was expressed, what was repressed, and how to reclaim what was sacrificed in the past.

Crows in a Row: Telling Catherine's Story | February 2022 | In February, Elderhood welcomed Janine Violini and Jamie Whittaker, leaders of Crows in a Row, a death education program. The conversation explored all aspects of death including funeral planning, deathbed rituals, paperwork, and the ways we are remembered.

Considering Choices at End of Life including Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) | March, 2022 | Congregant and retired social worker, June Churchill, led a discussion on MAID and a recent federal bill that expanded MAID's eligibility. She was joined by Marsha Mah Poy, a long-time congregant and former staff member at Hillhurst, who shared her story of her husband's journey through MAID in December, 2017.

Exploring Elderhood: Well Aged with Ralph Milton | April, 2022 | Ralph Milton, author of Well Aged: Making the Most of Your Platinum Years, spoke with the Elderhood group about his bestselling book, "Well Aged: Making the Most of Your Platinum Years."

In 2021/2022, Exploring Elderhood was held on Zoom the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. Thank you to the Planning Team, Robin Galey, David Swann, and David Finch.



From left to right: Alyssa Thompson, Lori Follis, Kim Follis, and James Sylvester play in the worship band on the first Sunday in the building in two years. April, 2022.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir

In the fall of 2021, we welcomed choir director, Amanda Massey, and Choir Accompanist, Greg Massey, to our staff team. The Adult Choir began practicing on Zoom in October and in December, they gathered in person for the first time to record music for our online Christmas Eve service. Weekly in person rehearsals started in January, 2022. The choir has offered many beautiful choral pieces to Sunday services throughout the year.

Music Artist in Residency

We launched our first Music Artist in Residency program, welcoming the musical gifts of Jesse Peters in Sunday services and at Live from the Loft, a weekly live-streamed concert where congregants connected in the chat box, requested songs, and enjoyed music together virtually.

Worship Band

Over the pandemic, talented musicians in our congregation formed a worship band, providing contemporary worship-style music to Sunday services. The band includes a rotating roster of musicians including vocalists Lori Follis, Kim Follis, Alyssa Thompson, and James Sylvester, who also plays guitar and bass. Graham Siddell is the band's drummer, Elijah Guenter, age 12, plays the djembe, Neil Younger plays bass, and Christy Guenter plays piano. Gregg Massey also lent his piano skills to the band on occasion. In addition to the band, Christy Guenter provides piano music at funerals and weddings.



Lori Follis and Amanda Massey are all smiles under their masks.



Christy Guenter on piano.



The choir performs during recording for our online Christmas Eve service.



2SLGBTQIA+ AFFIRMING MINISTRY

Something Completely Different (SCD) is a group for 2SLGBTQIA+ identified folks to meet each month for conversation, connection, and socializing. This group was championed and led by Keith Murray, Social Justice Lead. In July, 2022, Keith stepped down from their role at Hillhurst and continues to be a beloved member of our community. We wish Keith all the best in their future endeavours and continued studies at Vancouver School of Theology. Here are some highlights from Something Completely Different over the past year:

Affirming History with Queer Historian, Brian Thorpe | June, 2021 | For pride month, SCD welcomed guest speaker and United Church historian, Brian Thorpe. Brian, who was present when the United Church committed to ordaining gay and lesbian ministers in 1988, led a rich conversation about the church's Affirming past and future.

Setting Boundaries with Sarri Gilman | August, 2021 | Sarri Gilman, author and "Boundary Queen" led SCD in a session on conflict, well-being, and how to become a boundary expert. Sarri is the author of "Transform Your Boundaries" and several other books.

Spooktober Special! | October, 2021 | In October, SCD donned their spookiest clothes and gathered online for an evening of fun, games, and learning about the queer history of Halloween.

A Queerly Christmas | December, 2021 Keith Murray was joined by Pam Rocker, Affirming Connections Lead, to host an interactive evening of fun, games, and festive frivolity! Attendees received a Queer Cheer Box full of Christmas cheer that they opened together.



Our Stories: Parents+ of 2SLGBTQIA+

is a peer-led group to support parents+ (guardians, caretakers, grandparents, or anyone on the parenting journey) in supporting their 2SLGBTQIA+ child. Throughout the pandemic, the group met online on an ongoing basis to share stories, connect, ask questions, and lend support to each other in a casual peer-led setting. A highlight was welcoming marriage and family therapist, Gio Dolecore, at the start of the new year to learn ways to better support gender and sexually diverse family members. In 2021/ 2022, the group was led by Karen Stauffer with support from Keith Murray.

KIDSPACE

KidSpace is the Children's Ministry at Hillhurst United, offering programs during Sunday services and beyond!

During the summer of 2021, KidSpace continued to meet online. Using the summer camp curriculum from the Go Project, KidSpace explored themes throughout the summer like the Pride Rainbow, and spent as much time outside as possible!

In the fall, KidSpace offered two classes on Zoom, one for each age group. They also had monthly family events and parent-only nights including activities like felting, acrylic painting, and a Zoom games night. Many families attended and it was a wonderful way to be together as a community.

On Christmas Eve, KidSpace hosted a Children's and Family service called, "A Birthday Party for Jesus," that was attended by over 20 people. The group sang, played games, and heard the story of Jesus' birth.

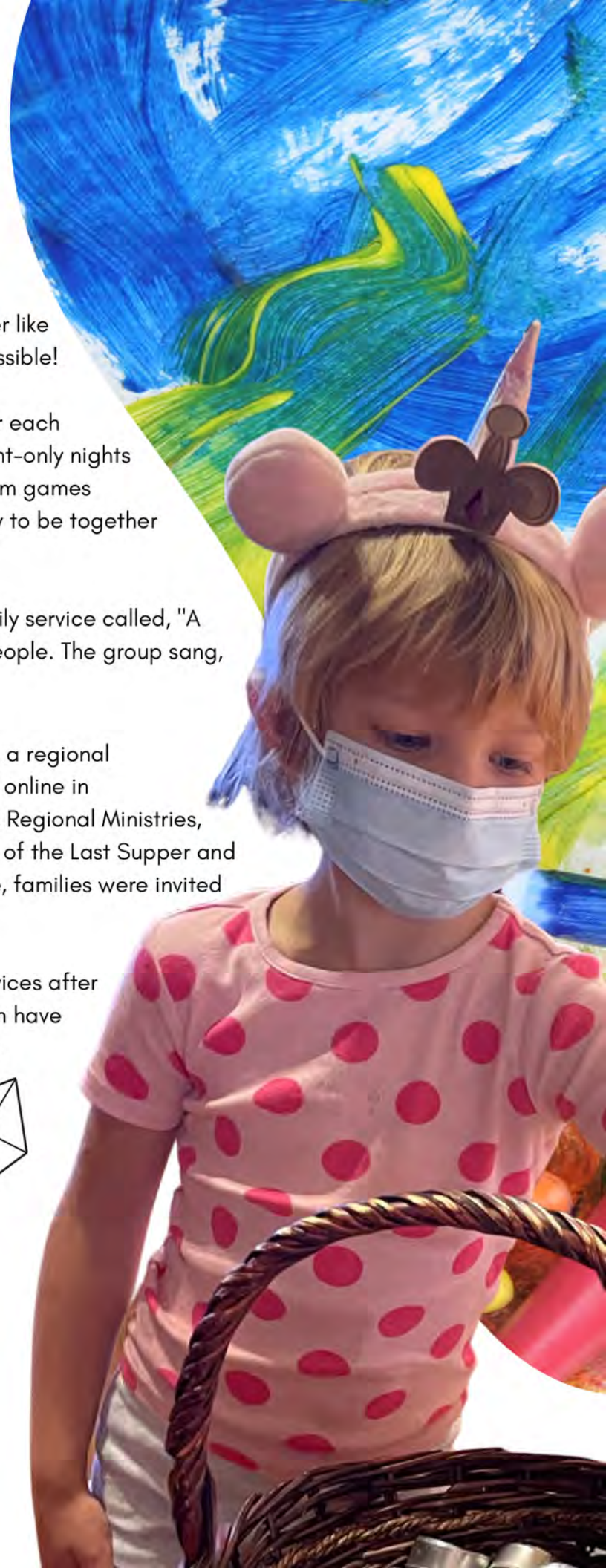
For Maundy Thursday, KidSpace joined Faith and Families, a regional program, for a special evening service and supper hosted online in collaboration with Fish Creek United Church, St. Andrew's Regional Ministries, and Chinook Winds Region. The service followed the story of the Last Supper and Andria Irwin offered communion. At the end of the service, families were invited to stay and share a meal together via Zoom.

In the spring of 2022, KidSpace returned to in person services after two years of being online. Programs for children and youth have been offered at both the 9:05 and 10:45 am services with attendance as high as 30 children on a Sunday!

In 2021/2022 the KidSpace Staff Team included

- **Ilinca Poon, Children's Ministry Lead**
- **Bethenie Tillet-Wair, KidSpace**
- **Herman Ng, KidSpace**
- **Regan Loney, Youth Lead**

In June, 2022, Ilinca Poon finished her studies at Vancouver School of Theology and accepted an exciting role at another United Church in Calgary. Ilinca and her family remain congregants at Hillhurst and we wish her all the best in her new role!



RIGHT RELATIONS



The Right Relations Circle gathers for conversation, connection, and friendship each month to learn how to live out the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. Led by Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister, and congregants Alyssa Lindsay and Margaret McQuiston. In addition to participating in region-wide activities such as Sisters in Spirit Day, Red Dress Day, and Pink Shirt Day, here are some the ways the Right Relations group lived into reconciliation this year:

Allyship Toolkit | Throughout the year, the Right Relations group compiled a 28-page document of links and resources that will be available for United Churches across Chinook Winds Region to use on their allyship journeys. Alyssa Lindsay and Margaret McQuiston were hugely influential in this project!

Sacred Fall Traditions | October, 2021 | In conversation with Gloria Snow, the group learned how, in many Indigenous communities, fall is a time to commemorate loved ones who have passed away. Feasts, prayers and gatherings at gravesites are ways we can remember our ancestors and loved ones who have passed.

Wintercount with Teresa Snow | January, 2022 | Teresa Snow led the group in a conversation about the Siouan society's tradition of Wintercount — a practice of reflecting on the previous year and its message for our lives.

Lateral Violence and Community Wellness | February, 2022 | Gloria Snow and Winona Lafreniere led the group in a discussion about lateral violence and its ties to community wellness.

Bible Study from Indigenous Perspectives | May, 2022 | In collaboration with J.J. Soriano from Southwood United Church, the group engaged in a scripture-based study on reconciliation and Indigenous perspectives.

Indigenous History Month | June, 2022 | The Right Relations group offered a four-part series exploring what it means to be a Treaty person. The sessions were led by Tony Snow and other Indigenous knowledge keepers. The themes of each week were:

- Identification - You as a Treaty Person
- Learning - Building Awareness and Understanding
- Self Reflection - Internalizing your Learning
- Moving to Action and On-going Commitment

Ordination of Rev. Tony Snow | June, 2022 | The Right Relations group helped put together and took part in Rev. Tony Snow's Ordination Service. Hosted at Hillhurst United, it was a memorable attendance with beautiful words, music, and an offering of gifts. Many Indigenous elders and United Church of Canada officials were in attendance. The service was followed by a feast in the gymnasium.



Wendy Walker performs an original piece for an online National Indigenous Peoples Day service



Rev. Tony Snow (third from left) and siblings after Ordination ceremony on June 25, 2022.

CALGARY ALLIANCE FOR THE COMMON GOOD (CACG)

The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, multi-issue alliance of agencies that work together to shape a just and compassionate city.

Hillhurst United is one of CACG's 32 members along with other congregations, unions, schools, and community groups representing more than 35,000 Calgarians. Membership in this collaborative, backbone organization enables specific groups to play a more impactful role in larger issues than they could as individual groups. Over the past 12 months, Hillhurst's core CACG group met online on an on-going basis to connect around social justice issues in the city. Here's how Hillhurst's CACG group took action this year:

Trauma Informed Care Petition | July, 2021

Launched a petition calling for the Alberta government to adopt a Trauma Informed Care (TIC) approach to mental health in all government ministries.

Guest Speaker, Ryan Anderson | January, 2022

Were in conversation with Ryan Anderson, the lead organizer for the Alliance, to discuss the work ahead for 2022, ways our congregation can participate with the Alliance, and how we can better live into our value of social justice.

Mayoral Forum | September, 2021

Supported the CACG's online mayoral forum, questioning candidates on their plan for important social justice issues such as housing, public transport, mental health, and the climate change.

Listening Campaign Training | March, 2022

Learned how to identify new leaders, surface new energy, and seek out issues in our communities. These listening campaigns focused on mental health, the environment, and the city's next four-year budget cycle.

Food Bank Hampers | On-going

Worked with the Calgary Food Bank to deliver food hampers to those facing food insecurity in the city.



Mini Listening Campaign | May, 2022

Checked in via phone calls with all 43 members of Hillhurst United's CACG group to connect one-on-one and hear about their concerns and dreams for Calgary. The main concerns were housing, increased violence in Calgary, and mental health. This feedback was passed on to the CACG to help select the Alliance's future priorities.

A Good Day for the Climate! | July, 2022

Members from Hillhurst's CACG group rallied outside city hall with other members of the Alliance while the Calgary Climate Strategy was being debated. The day was a success with council approving the strategy!



John Griffith, Jeannette Carlson, and Sylvia Griffith led and organized Hillhurst United's CACG group in 2021/2022.

BIPOC SPIRITUALITY

Early in 2021, the BIPOC Spirituality group was formed as a safer and welcoming environment for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Colour) individuals to discuss their experiences as racialized people and grow together on their spiritual journeys. In 2021/2022, the group welcomed special guests, explored weekly themes and book readings, and had theological conversations.

Leadership was shared among Tony Snow, Dieulta Daitus, and others members, with support from Keith Murray. Topics included the decolonization of Christianity, intersectional theology, womanist theology, liberation theology, Indigenous spirituality, and other approaches to faith that centre BIPOC voices and experiences.



REFUGEE MINISTRY

Through the United Church of Canada's refugee program, Hillhurst United's Refugee Ministry is dedicated to helping refugee families come to Canada. Whether it's welcoming families at the airport with signs and smiles or helping families furnish their homes, the Refugee Ministry supports refugee families through every stage of their transition. This includes helping with English language skills, job placements, transportation, and adjusting to their new lives in Canada. In 2021/2022, Refugee Ministry activities include the following:

- Provided support for a family of three (mother, father and six-year-old) from Afghanistan that arrived in Calgary in December of 2021.
- Submitted several applications to sponsor LGBTQIA+ refugees in partnership with the Rainbow Refugee Society and End of the Rainbow Foundation. These include:
 - Two men from Iran
 - Two women from Uganda who are currently living as refugees in Kenya
 - A man from Syria who is currently living as a refugee in Lebanon



Thank you to our Refugee Ministry team members: Don Workman, Shelley Bellchamber, Derek Manns, Harold Chan, Lee Elliott, and Anne Gray.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In February, 2022 we observed Black History Month with an online book study of Austin Channing Brown's memoir, "I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World made for Whiteness."

Co-led by congregant Dieulta Daitus and members of Hillhurst's staff team (John Pentland, Andria Irwin, Tony Snow, and Keith Murray), we travelled together through Austin's "journey to self-worth and pitfalls that kill our attempts at racial justice."

With a church-specific context, the book offered an exciting opportunity for us to engage with anti-racism as a community.



LUNCH & LEARN

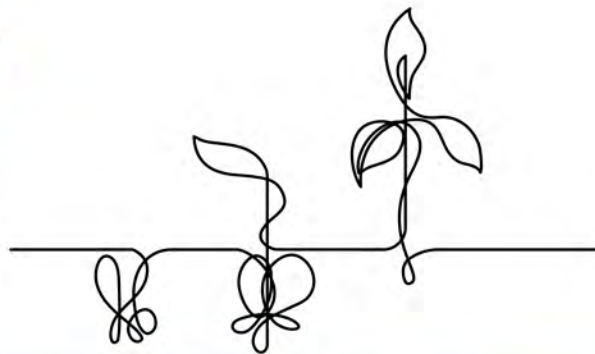
In 2021, Lunch and Learns provided a way for us to become better allies as a congregation. These were the online noon-hour sessions held in 2021/2022:

- **Pronouns 101** | Attendees learned about pronouns for beginners – what are they, how are they used, and how are they important for many 2SLGBTQ+ people? The session was Led by Shylo Rosborough, Affirming Ministries Coordinator, Northern Spirit Region.
- **Indigenous Peoples Day 101** | Led by Tony Snow, Indigenous Minister, this session covered the history of National Indigenous Peoples Day, the meaning behind the celebration, and how it connects to the United Church.
- **Lunch & Learn: Why be an Anti-Racist Church** | Hosted by Dieulita Daitus and Keith Murray, this Lunch and Learn kicked off the United Church of Canada's 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-racism. Attendees engaged in an important conversation about why Hillhurst United could, would, or should be an anti-racist church.



SUNDAY

SERMON SERIES



Bible Story Re-runs highlighted favourite Bible stories from a variety of guest preachers throughout July and August of 2021.



In the fall of 2021, we looked at **The H.E.R.O.'s Journey**, exploring Heart, Enthusiasm, Resilience, and Ownership.



Activating Advent helped us prepare for Christmas by focusing on taking action towards Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.



The R.A.I.N series in January of 2022 explored Tara Brach's model of Radical Compassion: Recognize, Allow, Investigate, and Nurture.



The **Good Grief** series during Lent dove into the five stages of grief: Denial, Anger, Bargaining, Depression, and Acceptance.



Indigenous History Month in June 2022 explored reconciliation from a different guest speaker each week: Tony Snow, Gloria Snow, Spirit River Wolf, and John Snow.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our congregational care team offers loving support for community members who are going through difficult times such as grieving the death of a loved one, an injury or illness, isolation or loneliness, mental health challenges, hospital stays, and unemployment.

In 2021/2022, congregational care was led by volunteers Cheryl Millman and Robin Kidd. A team of volunteers offered prayers, handmade prayer shawls, meal deliveries, visits, and phone calls. In 2021, we also added a new ministry for those grieving the loss of a pet.

For the last two years, Sue Spicer volunteered as lead of Food Hugs, our meal delivery program. In June of 2022, Sue stepped down from the role as she prepared to move across the country to be closer to family. We are so grateful for Sue's leadership and passion for both cooking and caring for others! Cheryl Millman now oversees the team of 30 volunteers who regularly respond to needs in the congregation, delivering lovingly prepared meals to those in need.

KNIT OR KNOT

Knit or Knot is a tight "knit" group that lovingly knits or crochets prayer shawls for those who need comfort and care. In 2021, they met every other week on Zoom. In the spring of 2022, they began meeting in the library at the church again. Knit or Knot crocheted hundreds of Ukrainian flags as a fundraiser for Ukrainian evacuees. Knit or Knot is organized by Marilyn Bankowski and Frances Jamieson.

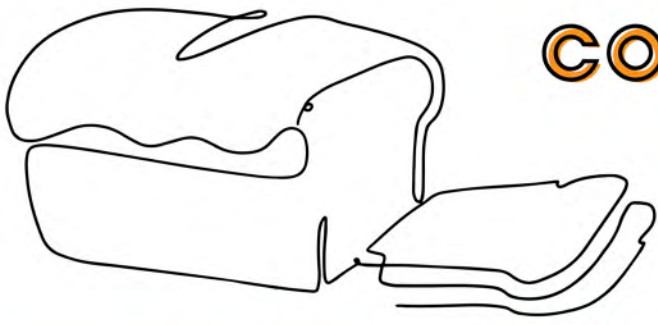


45 prayers submitted

11 food hug volunteers

30 meals delivered





COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

In the summer of 2021, congregants organized a new initiative – a community cupboard outside the church. With the tagline, "take what you need, leave what you can," congregants and neighbours keep the cupboard stocked with food, water, toiletries, hats, gloves, and more.

A big thank you to everyone who has replenished the cupboard over the past year – items go fast and it is an appreciated source of food for those who facing food insecurity.



Matthew and his mom, Jennifer, add granola bars, soups, hot cereals, and more.



Rae-Anne Langdon stocks the Community Cupboard



John and Anne are happy to see the cupboard is fully stocked!

Christmas



In 2021, we celebrated our second pandemic Christmas, offering online and outdoor opportunities to safely celebrate the Christmas season together.

Christmas Eve Online Services:

- Carols and Candlelight: A traditional Christmas Eve service that weaved story, music, and prayer together with classic hymns, a children's re-telling of Jesus' birth, and a sermon from John Pentland.
- A "Birthday Party for Jesus:" a Children and Families Service on Zoom where kids heard the Christmas story, dressed up, played games, sang, and had a birthday treat together.
- Contemplative Service: A morning meditation on Zoom with gentle music, poetry, and prayer. Attendees were invited to bring a candle to light together.

Blue Christmas

An online Blue Christmas service was held on December 19 offering reflection, music, and silence.

Angel Tree

A favourite Hillhurst tradition, we participated in the Angel Tree program, partnering with local schools and families in the congregation to provide families in need with gifts to open on Christmas Day.

Lights of Love and Live Nativity

Our second-annual Lights of Love event was a beautiful night – and this year, we were joined by animal friends from Butterfield Acres Farm! As snow fell, the choir sang Christmas songs, congregants sipped on warm apple cider, and paper bag luminaries lit up the night. We also collected items for the food bank. Earlier in the day, an amazing team of volunteers helped set up and light the luminaries.

As an impromptu decision, the staff decided to open the sanctuary for congregants to walk through. It was the first time many congregants had entered the space since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Many were surprised by tears and grateful for the time to sit and pray.





Photos by Don Workman and John Loney, volunteer photographers.



Amanda Massey, Choir Director



Volunteers prepare paper bag luminaries for Lights of Love.



Peter Kelsch, Finance Administrator



Choir members singing carols at Lights of Love.



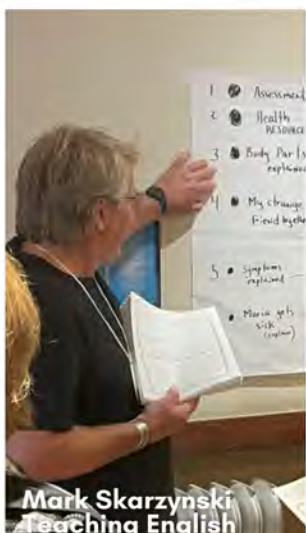
Staff members strike a pose at a team building and Christmas planning event.

SUPPORTING UKRAINE



In February 2021, the world watched in disbelief as Russia invaded Ukraine, waging war and causing massive displacement of the nation's citizens. Evacuees began arriving at the Calgary airport, many with only the clothes on their backs and no place to stay. A passionate group of residents in West Hillhurst quickly mobilized, finding hosts to welcome Ukrainian families into their homes. Hillhurst United joined their efforts, working closely in partnership with St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor. Here are some of the ways our congregation stepped into this important work:

- In May, we held an info night where 70 people gathered in the Heritage Room and online to ask questions, meet families already hosting, and learn more about the process.
- Our congregation welcomed Ukrainian evacuees into their homes. Thank you to our hosts: Mary Funk, Steve Wigglesworth & Deanna Girard, Angelo & Lynne Dalcin, Barb Higgins & Brad Moore, Melissa Tierney, Lee Elliot, Tammy Mowatt, Ute Mullin, Michelle Jung, Janet Gourlay-Vallance, Allana Murray, and Pat Fream.
- Lea Meadows served as the Ukrainian Lead Initiative. Centralizing information for hosts, primary support teams, and evacuees. She spent countless hours supporting the effort and touched so many lives.
- In response to the city's need for English language classes, we launched an ESL program in mid-May. Over 30 volunteers helped provide ESL classes to over 70 Ukrainians twice a week. Whether it was providing child care, bringing snacks, or teaching English skills, this was a huge collaborative effort by an amazing group of dedicated volunteers. Thank you to our ESL volunteer leads: Bobb Borchert, Barb Paton, and Pierann Moon is assisted in getting the program started.



Mark Skarzynski
Teaching English



Lea Meadows, Ukrainian Initiative Lead
and Anne Yates-Laberge



Congregants have used their gifts creatively to support and welcome our Ukrainian friends. Here are a few examples of how congregants have:

- Reviewed resumes and made introductions, many of which resulted in successful job placements for Ukrainian newcomers
- Provided weekly trips to get groceries, delivered meals, and one congregant even donated food from their farm
- Provided transportation and assistance with all the paperwork that comes with arriving in Canada
- Taught Ukrainians to use Calgary public transit
- Brought Ukrainian friends to football games, the Calgary Stampede, the circus, and concerts
- Donated toys, car seats, clothing, furniture, and other items in excellent condition
- Donated generous \$35,000 giving!

There are many more stories of generosity, learning, and new friendships from July 2022 onward that will be included in next year's annual report.



The leadership team runs into congregant John Groen at a rally for Ukraine in February, 2021.



Playing and learning English in the sanctuary at ESL class.



The Heart of Hillhurst received a Ukrainian makeover to help evacuees feel welcome.



Congregant Steve Wigglesworth meeting the youngest member of his new housemates. The Wigglesworth's welcomed the four-year-old and his parents into their home in May.

MEMBERSHIP



One of the silver linings of the pandemic was extending our membership beyond Calgary. Throughout the pandemic, over 100 people took our membership class online and became official members of Hillhurst United. In March 2021 we held an online membership class where xx people joined from across Canada. On April 24, we recognized all our new members from the past two years in a special membership Sunday.

Membership by Transfer 2022

Alison Morrow
Ann Brown
Brenda Youck
Doug Brown
Greg Belyea
Heather Antuniuk
Janice Clark
Joan McLaughlin
Judith Mitchell
Pamela Gaudette
Ruth Thornton



A new member in B.C. celebrates Membership Sunday online



Membership by Affirmation 2022

Beth Watson
Chukwuemeka Anyakwu
Danielle Donkin
Gordon King
Jane Ballegooyen
Jasmin Poon
Jean Waldo
Lystra Matthews
Nola Lewis
Regine King
Robin Galey
Sandra Matthews
Teresa Devor Hall
Terri Funk



New members receive a candle on Membership Sunday

BAPTISMS

Baptism is a symbol of new life, marking an important step on one's faith journey. Throughout the pandemic, it was difficult to make baptisms happen, so on May 29 we were grateful to hold a baptism Sunday where we celebrated four in person baptisms. These were all the baptisms at Hillhurst United between June 2021 and June 2022.

Arie Groen – May 29, 2022

Elsie Groen – May 29, 2022

Gail Gould – May 29, 2022

Marie Findlay – May 29, 2022



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to all the couples who sealed their vows at Hillhurst United Church this year.

Anne-Marie Tremblay and Stephen Claassen - June 5, 2021

Christina Kohari and Lorrae Stefan - June 6, 2021

Kristen Moore and Bryce Besler - June 15, 2021

Tiffany Kaminsky and Cameron Penner - June 21, 2022





FUNERALS

We were honoured to host funerals on the dates below for loved-ones of congregants or members of our church community.

Beverley Sundborg - June 7, 2021

Bill Phipps - March 8, 2022

Donald Gray - July 2, 2022

Ken Dougan - May 24, 2022

Kevin Mannion - January 14, 2022

Lawrence Arthurs - October 4, 2021

Lex Davis - June 24, 2021

Margot Howe - June 9, 2022

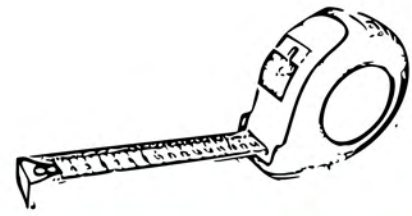
Michael Newsom - May 21, 2022

Patrick Landry - August 8, 2021

Teunisje Harrison - October 19, 2021



OUR BUILDING



In 2021/2022, we made several important updates to maintaining our beautiful yet aging building including:

- Refinishing the Heritage Room floors
- Refinishing the sandstone outside
- Building an established area for our tech team to work from on Sundays



Bob Watts builds an elevated platform for our tech team to work from on Sundays.



The Heritage Room floors receive a much needed re-finishing, December 2021/January 2022



John Pentland and Bob Watts pose for a photo with the finished project.

VOLUNTEERS

Everything at Hillhurst happens thanks to the congregants who step in where they feel called. There were opportunities to volunteer for both in-person and online congregants. Here are some of the ways volunteers helped make Hillhurst happen in 2021/2022:



- Lights of Love
- Ukraine: Hosts, primary supports, drivers, ESL teachers, coordinators
- Office administration
- Building maintenance
- Congregational Care
- Sunday morning:
 - greeters
 - scripture readers (online too!)
 - nursery/KidSpace volunteers
 - PowerPoint
 - Choir and band



Lynn and Larry Pearce greeting on Palm Sunday.



Robin Kidd prepares fresh flowers for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday.

THANK YOU!



Helping a Ukrainian friend with a job interview.



Dropping off toys for Ukrainian kids.



Teaching English skills to newly arrived Ukrainians.



Janice Clark helps fold paper bags for Lights of Love.

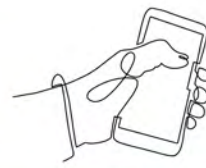


Anne finds another reason to wear her chicken costume! This time to attract passerby's to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.



Volunteers brave the cold to offer an extra dose of hospitality to people accessing the vaccine van outside the church.

ONLINE CHURCH



John filming his Christmas Eve sermon.



February, 2022 online congregational meeting



One of John's many meetings on Zoom.



Filming church from a plus 15 in downtown Calgary.



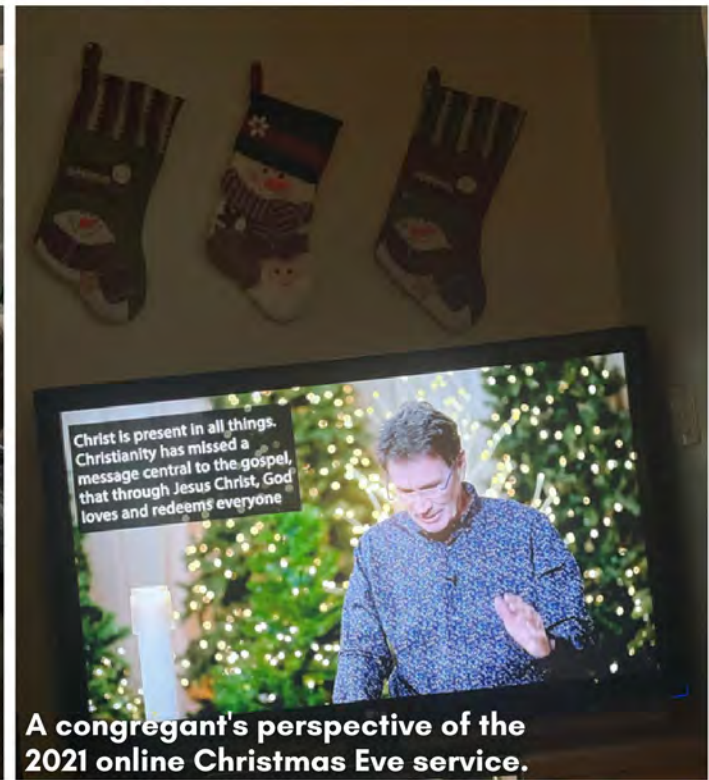
Recording songs that will later be edited into Sunday worship services.



Running a hybrid in person and live-streamed service on a Sunday morning.



Anne and John are pros at running online congregational meetings by November, 2021.



A congregant's perspective of the 2021 online Christmas Eve service.



Celebrating Shrove Tuesday with a Children and Family service on Zoom.

Hillhurst United Church
Unaudited Statement of Financial Position by Fund
As at December 31, 2021

	Funds						Annual Total	
	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted			Externally Restricted		2021	2020
	General	Building Reserve	Innovation	Capital	Renovation	Refugee		
ASSETS								
Current Assets								
Cash	\$290,292	\$175,623			\$861,101	\$40,306	\$1,367,322	\$911,441
Accounts Receivable (Note 5)	26,871						26,871	19,492
Prepays	500						500	5,000
Total Current Assets	<u>317,663</u>	<u>175,623</u>	-	-	<u>861,101</u>	<u>40,306</u>	<u>1,394,693</u>	<u>935,933</u>
Net Property & Equipment (Note 6)	-	-	-	5,134,980	-	-	5,134,980	5,171,190
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$317,663</u>	<u>\$175,623</u>	-	<u>\$5,134,980</u>	<u>\$861,101</u>	<u>\$40,306</u>	<u>\$6,529,673</u>	<u>\$6,107,123</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY								
Current Liabilities (Note 7)								
Accounts Payable	\$29,553						\$29,553	\$28,317
Bank Loan Payable (Note 8)	40,000						40,000	30,000
Accrued Liabilities							-	36,594
Deferred Revenues	25,500						25,500	4,375
Total Liabilities	<u>95,053</u>	-	-	-	-	-	<u>95,053</u>	<u>99,287</u>
Equity								
Net Assets								
Unrestricted Funds	222,610						222,610	131,407
Restricted Funds		175,623	-	5,134,980	861,101	40,306	6,212,010	5,876,429
Total Equity	<u>222,610</u>	<u>175,623</u>	-	<u>5,134,980</u>	<u>861,101</u>	<u>40,306</u>	<u>6,434,620</u>	<u>6,007,836</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$317,663</u>	<u>\$175,623</u>	-	<u>\$5,134,980</u>	<u>\$861,101</u>	<u>\$40,306</u>	<u>\$6,529,673</u>	<u>\$6,107,123</u>

Hillhurst United Church
Unaudited Statement of Operations
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Funds						Annual Total	
	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted			Externally Restricted		2021	2020
	General	Building Reserve	Innovation	Capital	Renovation	Refugee		
Revenue								
Contributions	\$737,623				\$491,627	\$1,955	\$1,231,205	\$800,754
Rentals	109,760						109,760	93,723
Event Revenues	-						-	3,360
Ministry Revenues	14,607						14,607	15,233
Grants	57,773						57,773	17,478
Fundraising	-						-	95
Other	9,243						9,243	41,129
	929,006				491,627	1,955	1,422,588	971,772
Covid-19 Grants (Note 8)	22,925						22,925	167,358
Total Revenue	951,931	-	-	-	491,627	1,955	1,445,513	1,139,130
Expenses								
Staff Compensation	588,599						588,599	638,678
Building Operations (Note 9)	65,512	20,778	3,618		173,675		263,583	96,985
General & Administrative	44,993		12,719				57,712	49,995
Event Expenditures	3,000						3,000	3,625
Ministry Expenses	19,974						19,974	30,252
Refugee	-					2,204	2,204	12,853
Fundraising	812						812	354
UCC Mission & Service	13,142						13,142	12,132
UCC Presbytery	33,493						33,493	36,842
Amortization	-			36,210			36,210	36,210
Expenses	769,525	20,778	16,337	36,210	173,675	2,204	1,018,729	917,926
Current Year Surplus (Deficiency)	\$ 182,406	(\$ 20,778)	(\$ 16,337)	(\$ 36,210)	\$ 317,952	(\$ 249)	\$ 426,784	\$ 221,204

Hillhurst United Church
 Unaudited Statement of Changes In Net Assets
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Internally Restricted</u>			<u>Externally Restricted</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Major Gifts & Bequests</u>	<u>Innovation</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Renovation</u>	<u>Refugee</u>	
Opening Fund Balances, January 1, 2020	\$1,750	\$105,198	\$16,337	\$5,207,400	\$414,473	\$41,474	\$5,786,632
Surplus (Deficit) for Fund in 2020	129,657	-	-	(36,210)	128,676	(919)	221,204
Closing Fund Balances, December 31, 2020	<u>\$131,407</u>	<u>\$105,198</u>	<u>\$16,337</u>	<u>\$5,171,190</u>	<u>\$543,149</u>	<u>\$40,555</u>	<u>\$6,007,836</u>

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Internally Restricted</u>			<u>Externally Restricted</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Building Reserve</u>	<u>Innovation</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Renovation</u>	<u>Refugee</u>	
Opening Fund Balances, January 1, 2021	\$131,407	\$105,198	\$16,337	\$5,171,190	\$543,149	\$40,555	\$6,007,836
Surplus (Deficit) for Fund in 2021	182,406	(20,778)	(16,337)	(36,210)	317,952	(249)	426,784
Transfers to (from) other funds	(91,203)	91,203	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Fund Balances, December 31, 2021	<u>\$222,610</u>	<u>\$175,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$5,134,980</u>	<u>\$861,101</u>	<u>\$40,306</u>	<u>\$6,434,620</u>

Hillhurst United Church

Unaudited Notes to Financial Statements

for the year ended December 31, 2021

1. Nature of Organization

Hillhurst United Church (the Church) is a congregation of the United Church of Canada. The Church is a not-for-profit organization and a registered charity under the Canadian Income Tax Act.

2. Fund Accounting

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting and has the following funds:

a. General Fund (Unrestricted)

As it sounds, this fund is used for daily operations, is added to with donations and grants and is used for staff compensation, regular building operations and all other typical expenses incurred during normal operation of the church.

b. Building Reserve Fund (Internally Restricted)

This fund was created in 2021 to recognize the commitment to our building and ensuring it remains available and in good repair for years to come. Funds will be used to purchase new and replacement equipment, and to ensure needed repairs are completed as required. The Board of Directors has set a fully funded target of \$250,000. On Dec 31, 2021, the board allocated the balance of the Major Gifts & Bequests to the Building Reserve and adopted a funding structure where 50% of any Annual Operating Surplus is transferred in from the General Fund plus directed giving from the congregation.

c. Innovation Fund (Internally Restricted)

The innovation fund was created in 2017 as a one-time \$25,000 fund to support new ministry programs. As directed by the board, new ministries are funded for 1 year to determine feasibility for the longer term.

Ministries funded to date

Theologian in Residence	2018	5,584
Right Relations	2018	3,079
Online Ministry	2021	16,337

d. Capital Fund (Internally Restricted)

The internally restricted Capital Fund represents the physical assets (land, building, furnishings, equipment) of the Church, as managed by the Board of Directors. The fund balance increases with capital asset purchases and decreases with disposition and the amortization of said assets.

e. Renovation Fund (Externally Restricted)

This fund consists of donations given for planned renovations and includes funds that were raised for the Journey Fund in 2009.

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f. Refugee Fund (Externally Restricted)

The Refugee Fund is increased by targeted giving and is reduced by charges supporting the Refugee community.

g. Transfers between Funds

Transfers between funds are approved by the Treasurer, reviewed by the Board and executed by the staff accountant. Transfers affecting restricted funds are recommended to the board and approved by them.

3. Adoption of Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations

On January 1, 2018, the church adopted the Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations and elected to recognize their assets at fair value on that date. The result increased the book value of the land and building by \$3,842,353 and is reflected in the Capital Fund.

4. Significant Accounting Policies

a. Cash

Cash consists of petty cash on hand at the church, demand deposits at the bank and cash in the investments

b. Revenue Recognition

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year received or in the year pledged if the amount to be received is reasonably assured. All designated contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund, in the year received. Deposits received for services to be delivered within 12 months are recorded as deferred revenue until the services are delivered. Investment income is recognized when funds are received and not accrued for in advance. All other revenue is recognized when the Church is entitled to the funds.

c. Property and Equipment

Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Contributed property and equipment are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided on a straight-line basis over the assets' estimated useful lives, which are as follows:

Building	40 years
Building Improvements	20 years
Church Furnishings	10 years
Office Equipment and Computers	5 years
Sound Equipment	10 years

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d. Contributed Services and Materials

Volunteers contribute many hours per year to assist the Church in carrying out its activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements. Contributed materials are recognized at fair value at the date of contribution.

e. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that may impact amounts reported at the date of the financial statements. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and adjusted as better information becomes available, with adjustments being shown in the period they are recorded.

f. Financial Instruments

The Church reports financial assets and liabilities (cash, accounts receivable, and accounts payable) at their fair value. Investments are reported at face value until maturation.

5. GST Receivable

Accounts receivable include an amount for Input Tax Credits receivable (GST) of \$10,144 (2020-\$2,487)

6. Property

	2021			2020
	Appraised Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
Land	\$ 3,940,000	-	\$ 3,940,000	\$ 3,940,000
Buildings	1,360,000	\$ 170,000	1,190,000	1,224,000
Office Equipment	11,060	6,080	4,980	7,190
	<u>\$ 5,311,060</u>	<u>\$ 176,080</u>	<u>\$ 5,134,980</u>	<u>\$ 5,171,190</u>

7. Line of Credit

The Church maintains a bank line of credit for \$150,000 with the Scotia Bank that is secured by the funds in the investment accounts. The line of credit is due on demand and bears interest at prime plus 1.75%. As of December 31, 2021, the church has never made use of the line of credit. The investment funds also contain one GIC that is held by the Bank as security for the credit limit (\$5,000) on the corporate credit card account (Visa). This credit card account is paid in full monthly.

8. Bank Loan

The Church qualified for and obtained a Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) which is a \$60,000 credit facility guaranteed by the federal government with no interest or payments due

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until December 31, 2022. The Church intends to repay the loan by December 31, 2022. The loan included a forgiveness clause that CRA wanted realized into operations in the year of receipt, the total forgiveness was \$20,000.

9. Building Operations

a. Building Reserve

\$20,778 was used to refinish the floors in the sanctuary and Heritage room.

b. Renovation Fund

The \$173,675 spent in 2021 was for preconstruction costs associated with design, permitting, and project oversight.