

Children, Youth and Young Adults Committee 2021 Annual Report

The continuing Covid-19 pandemic has made it difficult for us to connect in person with the children, youth and young adults of CBUC, but we developed creative ways to stay in touch.

Each Sunday throughout the year when we couldn't meet in person, a personal message with a short lesson and craft suggestion was sent by Nancy or Leslie via email to Spirit Kids (our Sunday Morning Program).

As well, seasonally (Epiphany, Lent, Pentecost, Creation and Advent), Nancy assembled 'Faith at Home' kits that we delivered to 18 families.

We had two Messy Church in-person gatherings – one was our Messy Church Beach Day in July, held at Cadboro Beach. Twelve children and 11 adults gathered, so thrilled to see each other again, and we enjoyed each other and the day as if we had never been apart.

Then in October we had Campfire Day at Camp Pringle. It was a cool rainy day but we had a shelter with a firepit where we were able to roast hotdogs and marshmallows, followed by a sing-a-long. There we had 14 children and 15 adults!

And throughout the year 48 birthday cards were sent.

In Advent we welcomed people back into the physical building of the church, including the children. We explored the Mystery of Christmas and the themes of Advent – hope, peace, joy and love. It was amazing to see how the kids had grown over the past 18 months since we have been under Covid protocols.

We held an intergenerational outdoor service for Christmas Eve, with participants aged from 4 to almost 90. The weather held off long enough for us to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Thank you to everyone who participated, who helped set up and take down, and who showed up to worship together on that special afternoon.

We would like to especially acknowledge Leslie Moffat for her assistance with all of our programs throughout the year.

And a huge thank- you to all in the congregation for your ongoing support!

Respectfully submitted
Joan Young, Chair