

Stewardship Committee 2022 Annual Report

The Stewardship Committee has met each month, by Zoom, throughout 2022 except for July, August, and December.

During the year we welcomed Valerie Armstrong and Jean Hazemi as new members of the committee and regretfully received the resignation of Edward Hickcox. Ed has served on this committee for many years and his input in our discussions will be missed.

We also welcomed our new minister Paster Beth Parsons to our meetings.

We have been working on making this committee more than a finance committee and have been looking into ways to see "Stewardship" as more than just giving money to support the mission and ministry of our community of faith. With this in mind we have established a practice of recognizing special offerings of time and talent from members of our congregation and hand-written notes of appreciation have been sent to a number of individuals throughout the year.

It was realized that it was important to keep the congregation informed as to the financial situation we were in as the year moved along. At the end of April, the first report was shared and then again, an update in October and at the end of November a message of thanks for the great support our people have shown this year. Many expressions of appreciation were received as our people really would like to be kept informed as to our financial situation on a regular basis.

As this report is being prepared it is looking as though we are going to be in a positive financial situation at year end and all due to the wonderful support of the members of this congregation and also to the most successful Spring Fair held in May, the proceeds from which certainly carried us through during some thin times. We also received a very generous extra financial gift from the Carrot Seed Pre-School, a gift over and above their normal rent etc.

I wish to express sincere thanks to the members of the committee for their dedication and commitment to the life and work of our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Clare Walker, Chair*

Peggy Dayton (Treasurer), Robert Silver (acting secretary), Ria Korteweg (envelope steward), Jean Hazemi, Valerie Armstrong, and Pastors Nancy Walker and Beth Parsons