



Spring Garden Church

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OUR VALUES



We believe in a humble God who came not to be served, but to serve. Therefore we engage in sacrificial and active service to those around us. We strive to be good stewards of God's gifts and talents by serving one another in humility. We aspire to regard others as higher than ourselves, which liberates us to creatively take risks in serving others for God's glory.



We believe in a God of grace who came to save the world, not to condemn it. Therefore, as we are continuously receiving the gift of God's grace, we seek to grow in that grace and extend it to others. We strive to define ourselves by what we are for, not what we are against.



We believe in a God who knows us, and who desires to be known. Therefore we embrace a journey of faith that requires us to constantly strive for a personal, intimate and transformative knowledge of God. We strive to be led by God's Spirit in supporting and encouraging one another in working out our faith.



We believe in a creative God. Therefore we are open to expressing our faith in new and creative ways that reflect the beauty and complexity of our creator. We are called to use our creative gifts in worship and service as we engage with our world. We take joy in the diversity of gifts that allow us to delight God and participate in His ongoing story.



We believe in a triune, relational God who calls us to come together as a diverse community of believers. Therefore, we want to walk together, supporting one another physically, emotionally and spiritually. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive family that goes through the joys and the trials of life together, acknowledging that God uses this community to deepen and mature our faith.



We believe in a God who loves this broken world and wants to reconcile us to Himself. Therefore we are commissioned by Christ to go out into the world, meeting the holistic needs of the local and global community. God calls us to participate in a redemptive work that he has already initiated; in humility, we will partner with others to work alongside and chase after Him.



We believe in a God who is our center. Therefore where we are on the journey is less important than that we are moving towards a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe and participate in God's redemptive work in all people, which gives us the freedom to come as we are, and to accept others as they are. We each are on a unique journey to become who God has created us to be.

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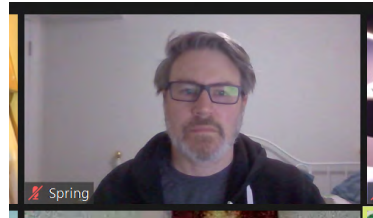
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Pastoral Reports

Greg Kay Co-Lead Pastor



*Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

Every week in our Thursday evening prayers, we pray this refrain. It is one of those prayers that seems to never get old or stale.

For me, it has given voice to my prayer throughout the pandemic: a prayer of request in asking God for protection and peace; a prayer of assurance that God is indeed our saviour, with us both day and night, with us when we are aware and when we are unaware; and a prayer of commitment in choosing to place my our trust in him amidst the darkness of the night and the unknowns, and commitment to keep watch with Christ during the day, to be responsive to the movement of God and the needs around us.

For myself, like many of you, this past year has felt in many ways like an extended period of night with all of the unknowns, the shutdowns, the increased exhaustion, fatigue, and heaviness of the continual individual and societal trauma of all things related to the pandemic. Pivotal moments have acted like tipping points highlighting the darkness within humanity and society—such as the murder of George Floyd, the Atlanta Spa shootings, the discovery of 215 unmarked children’s graves in Kamloops.

At the same time, this year of the pandemic has also revealed a lot of beauty. It has inspired action and change in repentance and affirmation that #Black Lives Matter, that we need to #StopAsianHate, that #EveryChildMatters, and on and on (though of course there is so much farther to go).

Within the Spring Garden community this year there has been witness to a lot of beauty—a lot Spring Gardeners keeping watch with Christ through everything from doing grocery shopping for others, distanced visits, meal trains, supporting families and individuals during times of loss and crisis, intentionally seeking to maintain relationships through many different communication tools, deepening commitment to pray for others.

There’s been a lot of beauty through the Caring and Sharing fund. Spring Garden has also been able to support many people in need, whether if was paying rent, buying groceries or clothes, or covering counselling fees so

people could get the help they desperately needed.

While it’s hard to measure and to see within ourselves, there has also been an unbelievable amount of perseverance and strength in faith, reliance on God, and enduring the hardships of this year. No matter how tattered we may be, no matter how much struggle with doubt, there is reason for celebration and encouragement that we have made it this far.

Looking back over the year, aware of how much financial insecurity there has been for so many of us, I have also been moved and encouraged by how generous and faithful you, Spring Garden, have been through your givings. The personal sacrifice to God in giving as a form of worship, as well as the commitment to the ministry and mission of the church as a community, has been fundamental to all our shared ministry, and has honestly been a source of strength and encouragement to both Sam and myself. Leadership (whether Pastors, Deacons, Elders or other ministry leaders) have sought to be faithful and wise with the gifts of your generosity. Most everything you read throughout this annual report document is a direct result of your faithful generosity.

Speaking on behalf of the pastoral team, we have personally been recipients of your continued care and support on so many levels. Obviously, your financial generosity is what allows us to even do the ministry we do. In addition, you as the church have been so very supportive of us. Like so many others, we have all had to find strength in God to persevere through the stresses of the pandemic, adjusting our hours and capacity while balancing work, life, looking after children in online school, etc. While this reality is something we share with most everyone in our city, we (Sam, Dale, Jeremy, Abby, and myself) know that not every employer or community is as supportive as you have been, and we are very thankful for the care and grace you have shown for us. Sadly, there is a high resignation rate of pastors and church staff all across Canada as a result of the stresses of the pandemic. The fact that we are still here is a testament to the graciousness and support we have received continually from you as a community, and especially through the Elders and the Deacons.

Thank you.

Speaking of Elders and Deacons, I want you as a community to hear that both of these these leadership teams have done an outstanding job of stepping into the challenges of this past year with grace, wisdom, and many hours of Zoom meetings! Along side of them, Jeff McGee our finance deacon and Marion Cameron our vice treasurer who does all of our financials (cheques, reimbursements, payroll, reports, etc.), have invested countless hours. We are very fortunate as a community to have had these leaders serving God and us this year.

Regarding the Pastoral team, I would say we have had three very significant changes. One of course is the birth of Jeremy and Katilyn’s son James! While James isn’t part of the team per se, his birth is a major celebration for our team!

We have also welcomed Abby Davidson to our pastoral team. What a blessing she has already been in the 3 months she has been with us! We are excited and hopeful that now, after having gone a couple years without a full team, we are in a place of having pastoral oversight to what we discerned as priority ministry areas, particularly in regards to local mission (showing God's care and sharing God's story) and life groups. Specific to Abby as a person, she has proven to be a tremendous fit with the team, not only in how well we are able to collaborate and find unity of mind and spirit, but also in the ways that her specific ministry and personality strengths fill voids and weaknesses that our team previously had.

Additionally, as you have probably noticed in our worship, her giftings in worship leadership (prayer, music, preaching, liturgy, etc.) have been a gift to the whole church.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Search Committee—Joanne Laing, Monica Kim, Lesley Daniels, Clem Lee, and Brad Sider—who worked hard to create, interview for and fulfill the position, bringing Abby as a candidate to the congregation.

A final major occurrence impacting ministry within our team is that Sam Lee is on sabbatical for four months: mid-April to mid-August. The way that Spring Garden supports its pastors with a sabbatical policy that allows pastors this time of extended sabbath is an immeasurable gift of grace. As I write this, Sam is in the midst of finishing his Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program and then will spend the remainder of his time in rest, spiritual refreshment, and enjoying time with his family. (The timing of his sabbatical of course coincides well with Abby joining the team!)

Regarding communal worship, as it has always been a centerpiece of our shared lives as a community of faith, this past year of not being able to be together has definitely taken its toll on many of us. Every Sunday in our worship area staring out at empty pews I am reminded of how much I miss seeing you all and being together. At the same time, I am also deeply thankful to God that we have been able to continue to meet together online. Without the giftedness and sacrifice of time and energy of Brandon Quek and Colin Chapman, we would not have been able to be as present or creative in our gatherings.

It has also allowed us to maintain (as much as possible) our value of incorporating voices of the community in worship. Having prayers, scriptures, welcome and blessings come from people's homes has been a beautiful gift of this past year. As always, the leadership of those who plan and lead worship—Colin Chapman, Anne Barron, Jeremy Ranasinghe, and Sam Chaise who's been willing to fill in here and there—and other musicians who willingly came to the building even in a pandemic, helped us lift our voices to God and centre our hearts on Jesus. I have heard many stories from many different people about how being able to worship with the Spring Garden family in a way that feels like home has been important and helpful through the shut downs.

All of this being said, we are also excited by the prospect of being able to come together again, hopefully in the not-too-distant future. Our current hope that we are planning towards is to begin opening the doors in September, though we will continue to stream our worship gatherings online. We want to be sure that it is safe for everyone who may come, plus we are keeping our eyes and ears open for the potential of a 4th wave as a result of some of the more aggressive COVID-19 variants.

Some of the most stressful times as a leader in the community this year has been deciding when to close and if/when to open. As hopefully has been apparent, the leadership of Spring Garden takes everyone's safety, and therefore adherence to the advice of medical and municipal authorities, to be of utmost important. We truly believe this has been an important part of being the church and loving our neighbour throughout the pandemic. A team of Spring Gardeners—Koon Wah Leung, Wes Chapman, and Peggy Moore—have been paramount throughout the pandemic in this regard, particularly in the first 8 months; everything from researching and collecting constantly changing information on safety and health policies and procedures, Government guidelines, working through step by step what is required for people to be safe entering the building, advising on building use policies, how to keep musicians and others leading worship safe, etc. Sadly, we haven't all been able to benefit from their work regarding opening the doors on Sundays, but hopefully we will before too much longer!

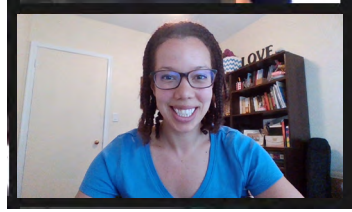
Even with all of the challenges of this past year, there has been much to give thanks for within the Spring Garden community. It is my prayer that as you read through other articles in this Annual Report, that you will be lifted in your hearts, minds and spirits to hear of the wonderful things that God has been doing in and through us together as Spring Garden Church.

I pray that, as individuals and as a community, by the presence of the Holy Spirit who guides and comforts us, we all may keep watch with Christ in the day—seeing and participating in his work in the world—and that we may rest in the peace of God which transcends all understanding—a peace that guards your hearts and minds and Christ Jesus. Amen.

*Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we sleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.*

Abby Davidson

Pastor of Missional Discipleship



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

-Luke 4:18-19

It's been over three months since I started here at Spring Garden as your pastor. While starting at a new church in a pandemic definitely has its challenges, I am delighted to be a part of this welcoming community. I've spent most of my time so far getting to know you, the people of Spring Garden, and what you're all about. I've been so grateful to be able to connect with some of you by phone and zoom and get to know you. In our conversations, I've learned about your desires to serve where needs are great and to build community with those outside the church walls as well as those on the inside. Thank you to those of you who reached out to me and welcomed me into the fold! It has also been good to connect with our local missionaries and Life Group facilitators and attend some Life Groups. I am greatly encouraged by your desire to know God and to make Him known.

The above verse from Luke was what Jesus chose to read at the synagogue as he was beginning his ministry. These are words the prophet Isaiah spoke years before. They were words that deliverance was coming; good news for everyone but especially for the poor, captives, the blind and the oppressed. As I read these words, I see that they can apply to any one of us. We can be poor in our finances, relationships or faith. We can be held captive by darkness or addiction or fear. We can be physically blind but also blind to injustice or to the unfolding of the Kingdom around us. We can be oppressed by those who are more powerful than us and that can be physical, mental or spiritual oppression. The good news is that Jesus has spoken freedom over all of creation. I was struck the other day when reflecting on a passage from Mark in which Jesus instructs his disciples to “preach the good news to all of creation”. As we consider what it means to live missionally, let us keep in mind that the good news is for all of creation. I have seen that good news unfolding here at Spring Garden in a few ways already.

The Garden team has been meeting and working hard to get the garden ready for summer. We decided to expand the garden this year to allow space to grow more vegetables. Thanks to Alice and Martin Bouwma

and Brenda Forder for all the work they have done. And thanks to our volunteers (Anja Turner, Cliff Shipmaker, Eva Sham, Colleen Stevens, Erin Chapman and Maria Speare) and their families who will be weeding and watering the garden over the summer and getting to know our neighbours who use the surrounding greenspace. The vegetables will be given to Eva's Satellite, a shelter for youth struggling with substance use and mental health. We look forward to caring for and cultivating the land God has given us and blessing our neighbours with food.

A group of us gathered for a Mission Night in May to learn about the Willowtree neighbourhood and hear about the work God is doing there through Toronto City Mission. We also learned about poverty from the perspective of those living the reality of poverty and gained new insights on what freedom means for the poor. I look forward to exploring ways we can participate in God's redemptive work in Willowtree and the surrounding community.

Another highlight for me has been assembling a committee that will discern how to give a tithe donation from the estate funds Spring Garden was given. Thanks to Kaitlyn Ranasinghe, Esther Penner, Alice Bouwma and Brad Sider for serving on this committee. We will be exploring the best ways to use these funds over the next few months and then make a recommendation to the Deacons.

Thank you to Sam, Greg, Jeremy and Dale who have made my start here so wonderful. I am grateful to be a part of a team that is creative, fun and patient in answering my many, many questions!

I realize that I still have not met many of you. I trust that will change as restrictions lift and the city starts to open up. I am looking forward to hearing more of your stories and walking with you as we discover how our stories fit into God's larger story of good news for all creation.

Jeremy Ranasinghe

Children & Youth Pastor



It's hard to imagine that a full year has already passed. When the pandemic first arrived, I really believed it would be at most a few months. A year later, we are just now getting to a place where restrictions are becoming lighter, allowing for more in-person interaction.

The context of ministry during a pandemic has required a new trust and leaning on God, and we have had great moments because of it. While it is tempting to look back on the hardships that we faced; mourn the lost in-person opportunities that we would normally have in the ministry year, there are many highlights from the last year that are encouraging as we continue looking ahead.

Discipleship Ministries largely focuses on building strong relationships with those we serve. It has been a challenge this year to have that in a way we are used to, so we have had to find new opportunities. This has been a year of creative adapting as we tried different things to help foster some of those missed connections. I am very grateful to both Eldrin Macaraig and Lily Sider, who were both involved as ministry assistants this year and to our Kids and Youth Ministry Volunteers, whose involvement is truly what allowed us to operate and have our virtual gatherings.

Earlier this calendar year, we hired Abby Davidson as a Pastor, and her addition to our team relieved me of the responsibilities I took on with the Spring Garden Based Initiatives during the interim, allowing me to start planning and begin a Young Adult Ministry for our church, which we hope to launch in the fall.

At the end of February, Kaitlyn and I celebrated the birth of our first child, James, whose life has brought indescribable joy to both of our lives. Immediately following his birth, I was able to take one month of paternity leave, where I spent time adjusting to new fatherhood and getting to know my son. I am grateful to Pastor Sam, Lily, Eldrin, and our Kids and Youth Ministry Volunteers for taking on added responsibility, allowing me to spend that important time at home with my family.

Youth Ministry

In a normal year without the pandemic, our youth ministry is comprised of four components, each with different intentions for our youth and the time spent together. These components are:

Sunday Gatherings: Which focus on deepening our faith and relationship with God using scripture and through teaching. On Sundays, the youth follow the same series as the adult congregation. Here we look at how our

lives correlate to what God is doing and wanting to show us. This area has often been a place where youth connect the teaching to what they have experienced in their lives.

Life-Groups: Where we focus on intentionally doing life together and going deeper into our relationships with one another. This area is split by gender to provide a space to share the common and relatable struggles that female and male youth experience while growing up. Life Groups themselves, with the guidance of their leaders, decide what they want to do together.

Fellowship Nights: Where the focus is on growing in our friendships in a healthy and appropriate way. This often involves a fun activity and has been a safe place for youth to invite their friends who may not be Christian.

Student Leadership (a pilot project put on hold this year): This is a new area that focuses on empowering youth to grow spiritually by developing, using, and honing what God has given them. The hope is that this will allow students to serve as part of our community using their personal giftings.

One of the challenges that we have faced with our Sunday Gatherings is that youth are already online all week for school. Due to the time they are spending online, "Zoom fatigue" has been a struggle for many of our youth. However, some youth have been able to attend consistently and engage in conversations that, over the course of the year, have demonstrated the spiritual impact they are experiencing. Following the Children's Blessing, youth sign onto our online meeting, and we begin our time together. In this space, we first give time to contemplate their week and God's involvement and place in it, using a modified version of the Prayer of Examen. Following our spiritual exercise, we enter a time of collective prayer and teaching. In our time of teaching, we follow and work through the same sermon series as the adult congregation; however, the conversation is catered to be more relatable for youth.

Student Leadership has been developed into a Leaders in Training (LIT) ministry presently on hold until we can have more in-person interactions and gatherings. The LIT component of our youth ministry exists to allow youth to serve and grow while developing in leadership. Working with youth, we will aim to find an area/ministry in the church (not specific to youth or children's ministry) which interests them and that they can then be involved in. While having ongoing conversations with them, the hope is for youth to grow from their experiences in these areas to know and feel they are truly part of Spring Garden Church.

Our fellowship nights have almost exclusively been held online. As such, we have had to be creative in designing events that are fun, engaging, and community building. Before public safety restrictions increased in the fall, we were able to gather in person a few times (socially distant, of course). We had a movie and pizza night, a Junior High Gathering, and we went Tree Top Trekking together. Since October, however, all of our gatherings have been held online. One of the benefits of being online is there already exist platforms which make meeting and connecting easier. Using Google

Meets primarily, we have had several creative and fun nights that allowed us to enjoy and have a sense of community with each other. Some of the highlights from these nights are our: Virtual Escape Room, Virtual Winter Retreats, Christmas Party, Mafia/Werewolf Night, and Jackbox Night. We also found that Uber Eats was a great way for us to share meals together online, allowing for more intentionality and connection with one another.

Our Life Groups have been able to meet online as well using Google meets. This year our life group leaders were Brittni Lewis and Lily Sider, who led the Junior High Girls, Kaitlyn Ranasinghe, who led the Senior High Girls; and Eldrin Macaraig, with myself, who led the Junior and Senior High Boys group collectively. Our groups have been able to talk about their relationships with God, play games together, have movie nights, and enjoy virtual escape rooms. Our life groups are all very excited to meet in person again, but we are so encouraged by the relationships built this year, even while online.

Children's Ministry

Our Children's Ministry is where we felt the impact of the pandemic the most. While we use a structured curriculum that contains insightful teaching, our ministry focuses on discipling children through the relationships that form and grow between volunteers and the children during our Sunday Worship Gatherings. As we were pushed more online, we re-imagined what this could look like and worked with the tools and resources available to us.

We decided that an online model, similar in structure to what we had in person, would work best for our kids and the circumstance of our ministry. Due to the logistics around families with kids of varying ages and access to devices, we chose to keep kids of all ages together for their Big Group teaching. Following the Children's Blessing, kids log into our Online worship gathering using Zoom. As kids sign in, our Big Group leader begins the time together with the main teaching. After the "Big God Story" has finished, our small group leaders then take over and spend the remainder of Sunday morning going over what was talked about and how that lesson relates and applies to their lives.

I am so thankful to our volunteers for the time and dedication they have put into loving and teaching our children. Transitioning online was a challenge, and our volunteers took up that challenge and made something great with it! If it were not for their involvement, we would not have been able to have our children's worship on Sundays this year. So, if you get a chance, please thank anyone who served with us this year!

This year our Kids Ministry Team consisted of:

Big Group Leaders:

- Jen Chrystman
- Ben Reynolds

- Monica Kay
 - Gene Tempelmeyer
 - Kaitlyn Ranasinghe
- Small-Group Leaders:
- Barrie Porter
 - Lizzie Reynolds
 - Martin Bouwma
 - Alice Bouwma

As we sought more opportunities to connect and grow, we also started providing monthly care packs for families. Each care pack contained a different focus for our kids and their families. The care packs were also a new opportunity for our families to have more conversations together about why we as a church participate in certain traditions such as Advent, Lent, and Pentecost. The ultimate hope with our care packs is that they assist families in having more conversations about God and the church, getting to know Him better and learning what he may have in store for each of our lives.

Spring Garden Based Initiatives

As mentioned earlier, Abby Davidson was voted in as a Pastor at the beginning of 2021, relieving me of the responsibilities with Spring Garden Based Initiatives. Before that, however, in October 2020, we held a Halloween event with the desire to love our community and neighbours of Willowdale.

As Halloween was discouraged by the provincial government due to the pandemic, we wanted to host an event that was safe and appropriate for families and neighbours to enjoy. We were excited to see the level of engagement from our neighbours and counted well over 200 people who attended throughout the night. Many neighbours thanked us for hosting a safe event that their children could enjoy because they weren't sure their kids would have a Halloween to celebrate otherwise.

Our main attraction was an outdoor photo booth where we provided free pictures for families. We also handed out candy and treats to children who attended. This event allowed us to meet and connect with new people whom we would not have had the opportunity to meet otherwise. I am grateful to the many of our youth who joined and volunteered to help run the event. And I want to extend a special thank you to Victoria and Cliff Shipmaker, whose leadership and involvement helped make this night such a success!

The Deacon's Board

Report from Krysten Cameron

The Board of Deacons is elected by Members of the Spring Garden congregation to oversee “the administrative and temporal affairs of the Church”. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month to discuss various matters of church business related to the annual operating budget, the church property, staffing and personnel issues, church ministries and missions, and membership. This year, the Board of Deacons was made up of: Krysten Cameron (Chair), Cheryl Chapman (Worship), Martin Dewar (Missions and Membership), Monica Kim (Adult Discipleship, Vice Chair), Joanne Laing (Secretary and Property), Shannon Loewen (Community Life - social events and Coffee hour), Jeff McGee (Finance), Ben Reynolds (Children and Youth Discipleship). We have worked hard to develop the sense of team as a Deacons board.



Krysten Cameron, Monica Kim, Joanne Laing
Cheryl Chapman, Ben Reynolds, Jeff McGee
Martin Dewar, Shannon Loewen

This year, in addition to matters pertaining to the everyday operations of the church, the Deacons spent much of our time focused on overseeing the church's transition to online services and COVID-19 management. In the Fall, we partnered with the 'Hiring Committee' (comprised of an Elder, three Deacons, and our colead pastors), who were responsible for creating a job description, posting the job description, short listing applicants, interviewing, and selecting a successful candidate for recommendation to hire to our Pastoral Team. Through discussion and prayer, the deacons moved that we accept the Hiring Committee's recommendation to hire Abby Davidson to the Pastoral Team and then presented it for a vote with the SGC membership. It has been exciting and wonderful to experience the gifts that

Abby brings to Spring Garden and to hear how God is leading through her in our church and community.

Not nearly as exciting, but just as important - as a Board, we have also continued to look at matters related to budget (including consideration of special projects or expenses outside of our approved annual budget), existing and proposed ministries, our role in local and global mission initiatives, maintenance of and upgrades to our property, and staffing and personnel matters. We continue to monitor our finances and also trust that God will provide. This past year has left many of us facing challenges, and the Deacons are no exception. We are grateful for the hope and joy that has also been present and the ways our church has supported its community. As we look ahead with so much still unknown, we continue to partner together to see God's hand and his unending grace and love for us all. It is a joy to serve with this team and to serve the church in this way.

In closing, I'd like to thank the Deacons who will be finishing their 3-year terms this June: Joanne Laing and Shannon Loewen. Thank you also to Monica Kim who is finishing her time on the Board this Spring as well. Thank you to Martin Dewar who has agreed to extend his term by one year in order to provide some continuity to the Board. And to the whole team, thank you for your faithful service, for your thoughtful contributions, your participation in our theme meetings, and your prayerful presence on the Board. It has been an adventure and a privilege to lead and serve with you this past year. I know the team joins me in welcoming our new Deacons for the upcoming year. We ask our fellow Spring Gardeners to continue to pray for our church and for the Deacons as we continue to work together in managing church resources. May we be able to discern together what God has planned for us, and may we know joy in serving this way.



Darlene Boyd, Debbie Tempelmeyer
Scott Moore

Elders

Report from Koon Wah Leung

As Elders at Spring Garden, we serve the congregation and Pastoral Team by praying for the church, offering spiritual advice, and providing support to the pastors and church body. We are entrusted to care for our Spring Garden family, and privileged to walk with those who seek, suffer or grieve. Together with the Pastors, Staff and Deacons, we listen to and discern God's voice when important decisions and direction are needed.

Prayer is at the heart of what we do. During regular times, the Elders organize the prayer team to pray for people who need prayer after the Sunday worship service. During the pandemic, we continued to pray for the congregation and reached out to families and individuals by email for any prayer requests. You told us that this year has been difficult for young families, teachers, healthcare workers, and those who lost loved ones. We have prayed for God's strength, protection and healing for our community. In addition to spiritual support, we have also provided gift baskets and cards to those who need encouragement.

The Elders meet monthly to pray together with Greg and Sam. We offer support and accountability to them. We also reach out to each Pastoral Team member and staff to check in on their well-being and prayer requests. This year, the Elders were excited to support Jeremy, Kaitlyn and baby James by providing meals, baby gifts and encouraging others to bless them. Our Pastors and Staff have blessed and helped us all, carrying many of our prayers and burdens. They have worked tirelessly and loved us sacrificially during this pandemic year. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

Being an Elder at Spring Garden means that we uphold God's calling to bless and pray for our church family. If you would like prayer about something, please contact one of us. Our contact information can be found in Delve. We are looking forward to the day when we can worship together, catch up over coffee and pray for you in person. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness, strength and protection. May the Spirit guide and lead us. May we be Jesus' hands and feet to those in need.



Anne Barron, Clem Lee, Gonzalo Librado
Koon Wah Leung, Margaret Sutton, Myrna Frost

LOVING GOD & LOVING OTHERS

Online Events

Report by Shannon Loewen

It's been an interesting year full of new adventures. We've all had to learn to do things differently and to stay connected in unique ways. Through the year we found opportunities to laugh together and play together through our virtual games nights and arts & crafts. They were family friendly events that allowed people of all ages to enjoy time together connecting virtually but outside of the meeting or school structure.

I am grateful for all those that attended. The events were so much more fun and successful with all those that attended. We hope that in the future we would see more people attend as well as offer a variety of types of events. While we wait for the day when we can connect again, allowing ourselves to play and create is a good way to connect together. I am thankful for Sam and Abby's help in putting the events together.

I hope that in the near future we will be enjoying potlucks, games nights, and outdoor fun together in person.



Thursday Bible Discussion

Report by Victoria Shipmaker

This was called "Thursday Group" or the "Thursday Bunch" in the past. For a few years we have these rather boring names so people would know what to expect. Lunch Together is a time of gathering at the church to eat our lunches brought from home. We welcome everyone in the area to attend whether to practice their English or to meet some new people. Bible Discussion follows which again is open to everyone. Our last in person meeting was in November and we were fortunate to fit it in as we had just lost our long term friend Margaret Irwin and needed a some time together to process. We have just started meeting together in May over Zoom. It is a bit rocky and it has been tough to get all the technology figured out, but we are rewarded with a short Bible discussion and a chance to chat and pray. We are also blessed to have old friends join us who might not be able to if we were meeting in person. Thank-you for supporting our efforts!

Wednesday Refresh

Report by Faith Holwyn

Refresh has met weekly through the past year on Zoom. We tried one week at the church in September but felt the risks were too high so immediately returned to our Zoom format. We have between six and ten women who meet weekly, to study a short part of the Bible, share our challenges and faith journey and to pray for each other. Jennifer Chrystman and Faith Holwyn have shared leadership and Beverly Holtzman has continued to be our support and communications guru through this challenging year when she has had increasing pain.



We are looking forward to being able to meet in person again, as not everyone who has been part of our group in the past, is comfortable with Zoom or interested in meeting in that way. So as this year draws to a close we give thanks to God for guiding us through this time and we look forward to what next year will hold as we enter a time of re-opening and reconnecting in person.

SHOWING GOD'S CARE & SHARING GOD'S STORY

Christmas Care Packages

Report from Kaitlyn Ranasinghe



This year at Christmas, we once again came together to share the joy of Christmas with survivors of human trafficking. In partnership with Fight4Freedom, we collected and distributed Christmas gifts for more than 15 individuals and families. We were able to share some needed items, toys for kids, winter jackets, pampering for moms, and so many really meaningful presents. The people that we shared these gifts with were so thankful and felt truly honoured. I dropped a few of these gifts off in person and one of the women who received a gift for herself and her two sons was so excited, she couldn't stop yelling, "Oh my goodness!" She was blown away by the generosity

of her gift givers and was so excited to share that joy with her children this year. I am so grateful to each person who put together gifts, donated money, and prayed for the folks we gave gifts to. Your love brought hope and joy to people's Christmas; things that are so meaningful to those who sometimes struggle to feel it for themselves.

Garden Team

Report from Martin and Alice Bouwma

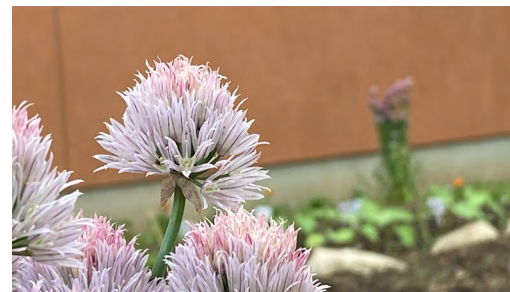
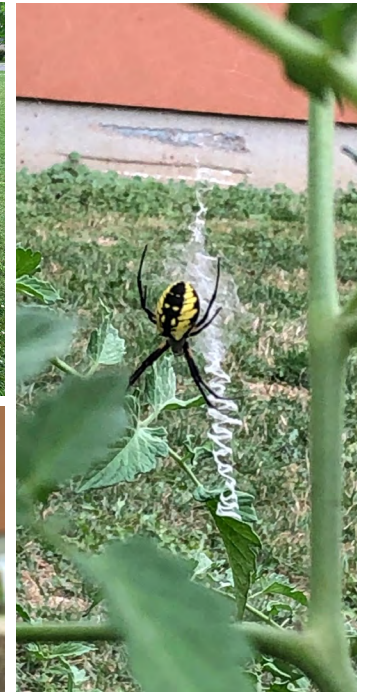


In the midst of the COVID restrictions the garden not only was a source of vegetables for Eva's satellite, but also a place for neighbours to retreat to. We saw people having picnics, cutting other's hair, sun bathing, walking their dogs, etc. As a garden team, we had the opportunity to talk to some of these neighbours - some helped out with the garden, others learned more

about Spring Garden, and others were happy to connect over the gardening months.

We also got to know the head chef at Eva's satellite. She shared that the fresh vegetables (tomatoes, beans, radishes, carrots, lettuce, beets and herbs) were great additions to her weekly meals. We're partnering with Eva's again for this year's garden.

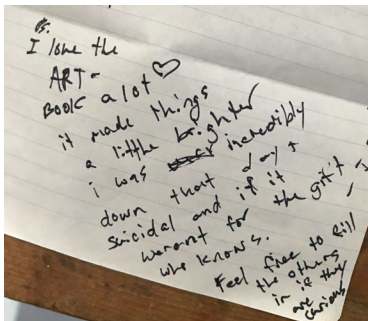
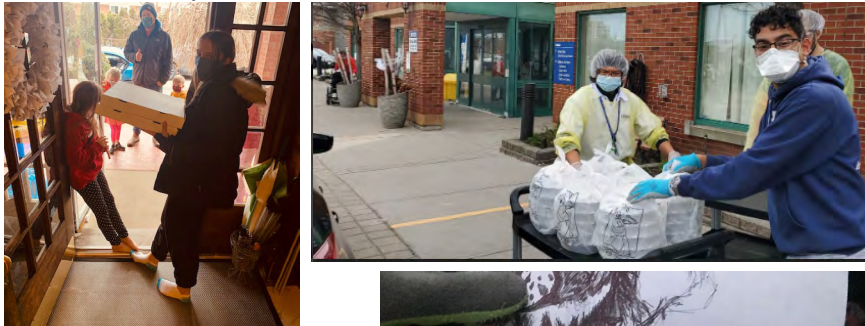
So in all we're glad that the garden's goal (to show God's care by creating a space for the neighbourhood to come and join us as we grow vegetables for the underhoused in our community) was met! A huge THANK YOU to the green thumb garden team - Brenda Noble, Cliff Shipmaker, Eva Sham, Suzanna Lai and Martin and Alice Bouwma!



Vocational Missionaries

Reports from Youth Unlimited

As a handful of Spring Garden's missionaries all serving at Youth Unlimited (YFC Toronto), we are deeply grateful for your sustaining prayers, encouragement, and provision over the course of this enduring pandemic. As you hear a brief report from each of us, I (Scott) am reminded of Paul's words to the Corinthians, "All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more [young!] people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God". May our stories encourage you and draw you to our loving and attentive Father. I would also like to make special mention of John Wilkinson, as he retires at the end of June 2021. John, we – your fellow YU ministry workers & the Spring Garden family – have been immeasurably blessed by your faithful service in youth ministry for 50 years. We're so glad we'll still get to hang out as Spring Gardeners in the years to come!

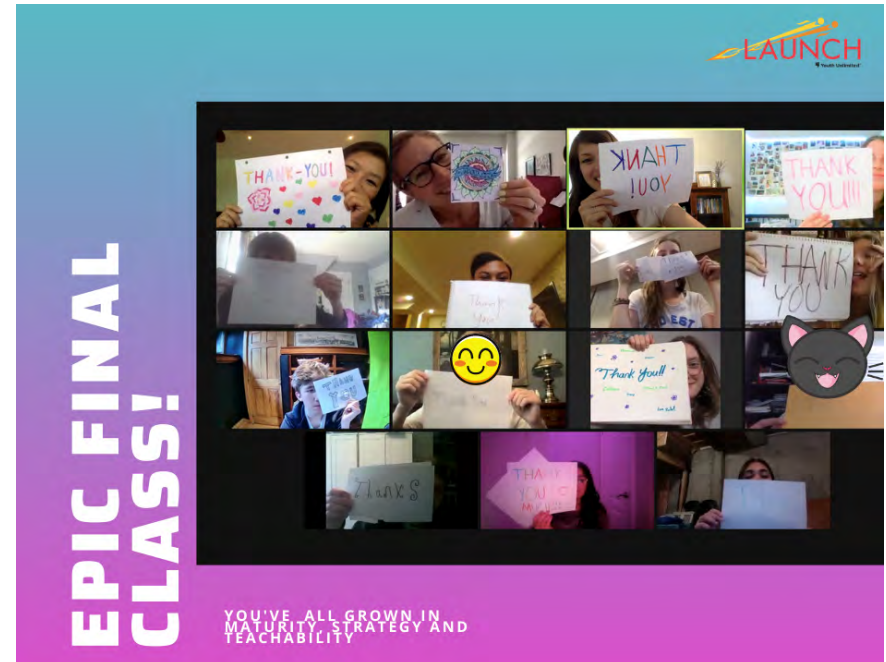


Monica Kay, LAUNCH Director

Dear Spring Garden Family,



Thank you for your support on so many levels over this past year. It certainly has not been an easy year, but I am thankful to report that LAUNCH translated quite well to the virtual platform. 1:1 Coaching still happened, some group workshops/ teaching occurred and our Gr.11 Leadership class actually flourished! We are thrilled. Consider the photo below as part of our young leaders' thank you to you as well -- you have been a part of investing in the next generation!



Some of the fruit from this year's class is that they learned they had a valuable voice, they grew in confidence, they found new joy in service as well as greater insight into their purpose. At the same time they gained some solid leadership skills. The students adapted and adapted and adapted again, and yet they could celebrate at the end of their course - both for their transformation and an impact on a communities near or far. One student raised \$2700 to have a room built for an orphan in South Africa. The young man was approaching 18, the time when he would no longer be cared for by the government. Rather than facing great danger and homeless... he now has a safe space and bed where he can lay his head. Amazing! Another partnered with a Seniors' home and set up pen pals, one ran a facebook group to give away free things to reduce land waste, another made a pamphlet to educate kids about those living on the streets, and yet another used her passion for fashion to make a website for Dress for Success. What a joy to come alongside these young leaders! If you know a student going into Gr.

10-12 please let them know about this opportunity. We will be online and semestered in the Fall, so anyone in Ontario can join! Financial subsidies are available!

Another huge praise is our renewed partnership with the Bridge Young Adults program. We coached three of their key young adult leaders as they served within the church. We have seen great growth and the leaders and staff highly affirm our partnership. Please pray as we seek other churches to partner with in this way.

Thank you again for your care, support and encouragement. I am so blessed and thankful to be a part of the Spring Garden family.

Clement Lee, Jane-Finch Community Director

Thank you again Spring Garden family for your support and encouragement over the years! I've been with YU for over eight years now, and as such was due for a mandatory sabbatical. It was a wonderful blessing having this time of rest. I am so thankful that Youth Unlimited has instilled this rhythm of sabbath into the ministries of its staff. It took a few weeks to turn off my brain and really let go of all that was happening at YU. Sometimes, I would read about violent shootings in the GTA and the ongoing unrest from racial injustices both here and south of the border. All this would bring my mind back to my team as these were events that would be weighing heavily upon them. It required a bit of re-releasing things over to God whenever this happened. I needed to remember that God was in control. It wasn't long before Koon became amazed at how quickly I was able to fall asleep during my time off. I would lie down and be snoring in a minute. To me, this was a good sign that I had let go of my YU ministry.



Coming back to ministry in the fall was quite the challenge. Ever changing Covid restrictions has kept our team on our toes, trying to do what we could to connect with our youth. Regular sports programs like soccer and basketball were no longer an option. Grocery shopping trips, outdoor boxing training and ice skating became regular activities. The new reality of most things being online allowed for a huge influx of volunteers for our kids club and allowed for a special series on financial entrepreneurship. The team is really looking forward to incorporating what God has taught them in this season of restrictions with the freedom to gather in person again. Please keep the community of Jane and Finch in your prayers. Blessings.

Scott Moore, Executive Director

After stepping out of the urgent transitions of the first few months of COVID, the past year has actually been one of continued growth for Youth Unlimited.



In my role as Executive Director, one of my main focuses this year was the smooth transition of the organization to a new leadership structure. God has answered our prayers in abundance with three new directors who will form a new 5-person lead team! We were also excited to launch a brand new website at yugta.ca that fully reflects who we are and the work we are doing. Please check it out! Our internship program – a key to our future – is growing and we have 10 interns serving this year. We are getting ready to launch a new job placement program which will pilot in Jane-Finch, all as part of our strategic focus on deepening our impact on youth experiencing vulnerability. YU continues to be a caring and loving presence across this city, even with COVID restrictions limiting our 'usual' way of doing things. I'm grateful for the privilege of continuing to lead YU with the support of our Spring Garden community.

Kathy Webb, Administrative Assistant

In a year of changes, adjustments and readjustments, I'm thankful for this opportunity to pause to remember and be thankful for the consistent, steady undergirding of a supportive church family! I continue to serve in a few different areas at YU, bringing administrative support to our field staff and leadership team. While my work has largely stayed the same throughout the year, I have been amazed at how our staff have adapted and kept going in the face of ever-changing restrictions to bring God's transformative love to the youth, families and communities of the GTA! It is my hope that I have brought a consistent, steady undergirding to our staff and their ministries! I'm looking forward to the year ahead as our three new leadership positions have recently been filled, and seeing what God has in store as they get started. Thank you, Spring Garden, for your continued support, prayers and encouragement - I am grateful.



John Wilkinson, Executive Coach and Strategist

Come the end of June, I will be slipping into my retirement years!! Feels surreal to be sure. I am completing 51 years of full time ministry roles in various forms of youth ministry. I have been a congregant at Spring during these years and the last 24 years as a supported Youth Unlimited missionary. Thank you so much for your prayers, encouragement and support. Both Trish and I are so thankful.



There is no question that my years as the ED of the Toronto Chapter were life-changing and I am quite humbled that I could be a part of it all. Young lives were transformed and we all grew in our walk with the Lord and our service to Him. It has been a privilege to walk alongside my successor, Scott

Moore, during these recent years and to watch him and his team take YU to new heights of service and impact. He is an outstanding leader. They are a fantastic team.

This year has been primarily one of transition with those whom I have been working with at YU as their Shepherd as well as with the National Office as I have come alongside the Eastern Regional EDs in Ontario and Quebec to coach, advise and care for their personal and spiritual needs. It's all been good. I have a deep sense of peace as I move on in life's journey. Trish and I look forward to what God may have next for us in terms of serving Him.

Again - thank you so much for your care and support over many years.

Other Vocational Missionaries

Report from Becki Lee (AIA)

Thank you so much Spring Garden for your over 15 years of support of my ministry with university athletes through Athletes in Action! I really appreciate all you have invested throughout this time.



In spite of the many challenges of this past year, God has continued to bear the fruit of changed lives through our ministry with athletes at the University of Guelph. Like many others who were able to do so, we shifted ministry to a primarily online format, starting a year ago in March. Amazingly, since that time 4 athletes on our campus have made decisions to follow Christ and are getting established in Christian community!

Over the winter semester we hosted an online Alpha course on Zoom, in partnership with other Christian campus groups at the University of Guelph and it was great! We were surprised how, even online, friendships and community were formed. Through participating in the Alpha course, many of the new believers in our Athletes in Action (AIA) community were affirmed in their new faith and had some of their questions answered. Alpha was also significant for some of the more mature Christians in our community who took on leadership roles. It was really fun to see them be used by God to



build up the faith of their friends who were new believers or seekers. I was particularly encouraged to hear from one of the leaders that she prayed with her roommate for the first time during Alpha.

At the beginning of May, we also shifted our National Training Camp (NTC) into an online format, with an equally surprising impact (to that of online Alpha) in the areas of community building and spiritual impact. NTC is a week-long event that AIA Canada hosts annually to help athletes grow in integrating their faith and their sport through both theoretical and practical teaching. With a significant experiential learning component and the intangible impact of coming together as a community, we were sceptical as to how it would translate online. Amazingly, as we stepped out in faith, God did what only he can do - impacting lives through his word, his community and the creativity, and faith of spiritual leaders.

Please continue to pray as we hopefully transition back to in person ministry in the fall. It will mean another season of adjustment in a year that has felt like nothing but transition. Please also pray for new staff for us at the university of Guelph since 2 of my current colleagues are transitioning to other ministries or roles. Finally, please pray that we would be able to connect with a new generation of athletes. Although we saw many come to faith in Jesus, we saw almost no new athletes join our community this year. It is critical for the sustainability of our movement, as well as the lives of these athletes and the vitality of their faith, that they get connected with local Christian fellowship throughout their time at university.

Kaitlyn Ranasinghe



This year has been a bit of a roller coaster in my ministry with Fight4Freedom. I was so honoured to work alongside my amazing team of staff, volunteers, and interns to serve survivors of human trafficking. I was able to meet new women and welcome new volunteers and interns to the team. Working with this group of people has offered me the greatest joy. However, in the midst of that joy, I faced many trials working within the organization. After navigating some very challenging situations with the organization's directors, I had to make the heart-wrenching decision to resign from my role with Fight4Freedom right before the birth of my son. Despite this very difficult decision, I am excited that I am able to personally support two of the survivors that I was working with at Fight4Freedom and I am so pleased to continue to be part of their lives as a friend and cheerleader. I grieve this loss, but look forward to wherever it is that God will call me next. I am so deeply grateful for the support of Spring Garden, for the community that surrounded me, prayed for me, and offered me guidance through this trying situation. Thank you for your love, prayer, and for holding me up through good times and bad.

Report from Jen Chrystman (OMF)

Do you hear the sounds of children laughing? How about snoring at noon? What about sighs of contentment coming from a kayak nearby? In our pandemic pivot of 2020-21, we've enjoyed some different guests and activities at the OMF guest home.



Over a dozen self-isolating guests have arrived from Japan, Thailand, Philippines and Australia. They've managed to fight jetlag and the 12-15 hour time zone changes well. With several large bedrooms converted into living/dining rooms and a happy kitchen slave to serve them meals upstairs several times each day, they haven't starved. Their sleep-wake cycles have reminded me of my numerous transitions. Without mission conferences, I've also been able to care for

monthly renters who have been referred from a variety of organizations. Many are also in difficult transitions and have appreciated a quiet, safe place.

Dawid, Mikal and their four young children have been a delight, the past few months. They're waiting for the courts to remove an abusive tenant from their home in Scarborough. It's not often that we have the chance to offer free accommodation to a family of six, but the pandemic has made it possible.

Many of our guests have also appreciated "Aunt Jen's Kayak Camp" which has been on the Humber River or Lake Ontario over 80 times since last June. In between care for self-isolating missionaries, my three kayaks have been busy with Spring Garden members, guests and friends who I've met along the way. There are so many ways to be kind, but sharing water toys is one of my favourites!



One of my recent joys has also been accepting the role of Coordinator for the Dawn for the Poor Sponsorship project, supporting the poorest of the poor in school in the Manila area. The pandemic lock-downs have made it very hard for kids and teens to do school, but they've persevered with just

a cell phone and some extra "load". I'm excited to be the new advocate for them here in Canada.

THANKS, Spring Garden, for continuing to care for me and my ministry of hospitality at the OMF guest home. Sometimes it's kept me in the kitchen or sanitizing rooms. Other times, I've been out on the water, worshipping our Creator and sharing His love with many. When the pandemic's a past event, I wonder who I'll be welcoming home and what I'll be hearing? My prayer is that it will be His voice calling me to serve here or back in the Philippines.

STEWARDSHIP & ADMIN

Church Clerk June 2020 - May 2021

BIRTHS

Feb 26, 2021 James Michael Priya Ranasinghe to Jeremy and Kaitlyn Ranasinghe

DEDICATIONS None

BAPTISMS

Dec 13, 2020 Fatemeh Karimzadeh Fard

Dec 13, 2020 Dr. Negin Tagha

April 4, 2021 Unidentified female (E.L.)

April 4 2021 Unidentified female (A.A.)

NEW MEMBERS

July 20, 2020 Diana Boisvert

July 20, 2020 Jean Daniel Aziable (JD)

March 1, 2021 Abby Davidson

MARRIAGES

Aug 15, 2020 Diana Boisvert and Jean Daniel Aziable

Aug 15, 2020 Carl Anderson and Shirley Fairfield

March 20, 2021 Adora Chui and Oliver Wong

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT

Jesse and Joanna James

Donald and Marion Goertz

Michel and Mary Ellen Belzile

DEATHS

June 5, 2020 Glenor Tai

Nov 6, 2020 Margaret Irwin

April 25, 2021 Opal Fuller

ACTIVE MEMBERS 133

Respectfully submitted, Karen Cassel, Church Clerk

Property Committee (June 2020 to June 2021)

The Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance and repairs to our church building, the rental house at 106 Spring Garden and the surrounding grounds.

As we are all aware, the Covid pandemic during this past 12 months has kept the church from operating as normal. With no one in the building except for the occasional staff member, a few other individuals and the church cleaning company, keeping our church in good shape has not been a difficult task.

The Committee did spend some money on repairs to our rental house (106 SG):

1. Electrical mast and mast head replacement
2. Kitchen window replacement
3. Outside water tap replacement
4. Eavestrough replacement
5. Front porch step replacement
6. Bathtub sealing
7. Furnace replacement

Repairs were also completed to the fence along the parking lot and the tall trees were trimmed above the fence.

Thanks to Fazil Mohammed and his crew from Moe's cleaning for keeping our church floors, windows and furniture clean. During the Covid 19 crisis they have been handling special cleaning and disinfecting tasks along with the usual ones and we truly appreciate that.

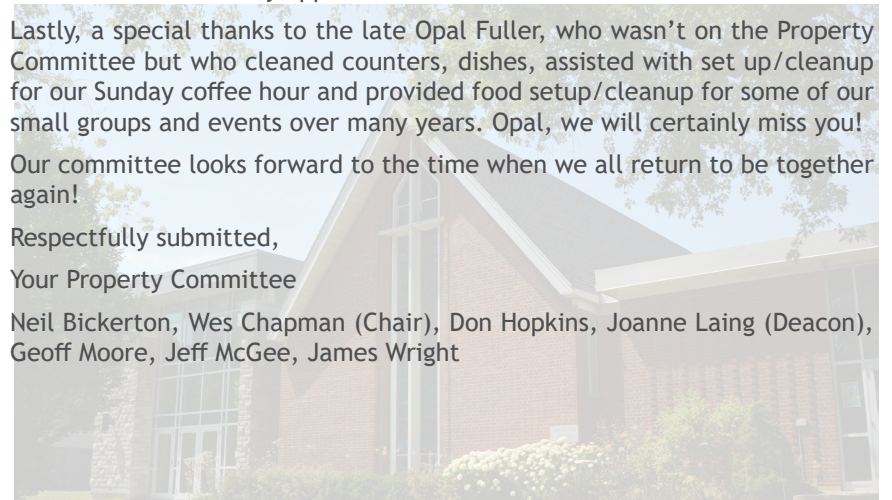
Lastly, a special thanks to the late Opal Fuller, who wasn't on the Property Committee but who cleaned counters, dishes, assisted with set up/cleanup for our Sunday coffee hour and provided food setup/cleanup for some of our small groups and events over many years. Opal, we will certainly miss you!

Our committee looks forward to the time when we all return to be together again!

Respectfully submitted,

Your Property Committee

Neil Bickerton, Wes Chapman (Chair), Don Hopkins, Joanne Laing (Deacon), Geoff Moore, Jeff McGee, James Wright



FINANCE

Report from Jeff McGee (Finance Deason)

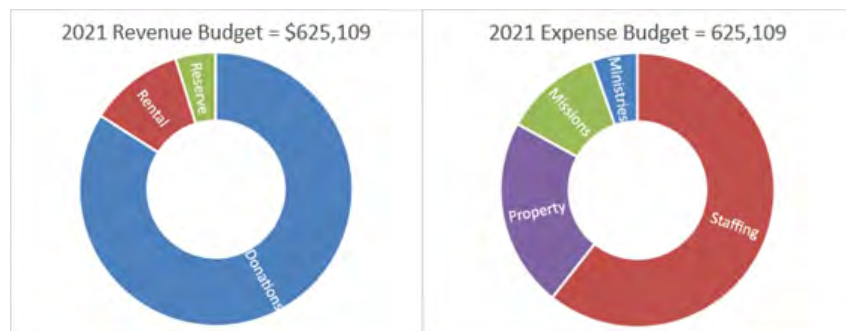
2020 Financials

Summary of 2020 Operating Budget

	2020 Budget	2020 Actual
Expenses	\$ 600.0k	\$ 504.4k
Revenue	\$ 600.0k	\$ 511.2k
		\$ 6.8k

See the 2020 Audited Financial Statements at <https://www.springgardenchurch.ca/s/SCG-2020-Financial-Statementsigned.pdf>.

2021 Financials



2021 Approved Budget = \$625,109

Donations	84%	525,109	Ministries	5%	33,500
Rental	11%	70,000	Staffing	61%	379,277
Reserve	5%	30,000	Missions	12%	72,807
	100%	625,109	Property	22%	139,525
				100%	625,109

2021 Results as of May 31, 2021

Summary of 2021 Operating Budget

	2021 Budget	2021 Actual
Expenses	\$ 210.5k	\$ 208.9k
Revenue	\$ 210.5k	\$ 175.1k
		\$ -33.8k

- We are controlling expenses, but givings are down from 2020.
- Givings are inconsistent. Please give prayerful consideration to your tithe.
- We encourage those committed to Spring Garden to schedule monthly donations. For more information on how to set this up please contact Marion Cameron at marion.cameron@sdbc.ca.
- Caring and Sharing has a healthy allocation of nearly \$10k.
- The Reserve Fund + Special funds have combined almost \$400k.

IT/AV Committee

Collaborators: Colin Chapman, Wes Chapman, Kevin Lai, Sam Lee

The IT/AV Committee coordinates the technology requirements for audio/visual needs at church which often span different church ministries and departments. We try to meet at least once a year to discuss, recommend and coordinate the technical aspects of supporting church ministry. This year, COVID19 affected everything.

COVID19 pandemic changed how the church delivered its Sunday Service. Jeremy, Brandon and Colin, Sam, Dale, and Greg have worked steadily at improving the streaming setup and quality. There have been significant purchases of AV equipment to support this ministry. There is discussion about whether this level of broadcast quality is sustainable on a long term basis when we return to in-person service, given the limited availability of AV volunteers. When we return to in-person service, there will likely be a modified version of streaming that will look more basic.

Kevin has put in some time (away from vaccinating the country out of the pandemic, so we can get back together as a church) to integrate the new broadcast streaming setup into the church network infrastructure. He has reviewed the new equipment and changed the default passwords to maintain security.

Kevin, Sam Lee, and Jeff McGee have started meeting to discuss some guidelines to help navigate the church through the area of privacy, security, and consent in this online world of media and information. Please be aware

that if you volunteer to serve in Sunday Service on stage, you are giving SGC consent to have your likeness and content to be recorded and distributed online, such as on YouTube. If you do not wish to be recorded, please do not enter the front stage area during Sunday Service. Please also be aware that certain portions of the church are under video surveillance, such as the entrance lobby interior, as well as the exterior parking lot. If you have concerns about your privacy, please speak with a deacon, as well as a member of the pastoral team/office staff to have your images removed or not recorded.

In the past, most of our support from the AV team, and digital or print media designs were done by the same volunteers and paid office staff such as Dale who has taken on extra work. If anyone is interested in helping or working in IT support, or media broadcasting, please let Kevin know.

Resource Centre

Report from Karen Cassel

The purpose of the Resource Centre is to provide books, videos, and DVDs for general Christian growth, study, and leisure as well as to speak to the needs and events that are taking place in the wider church life. This year it has been difficult to meet these criteria due to the Pandemic.

We are so fortunate to have a book budget and have the ability to purchase books to meet our objectives, and to support the teachings we enjoy each Sunday. However, this year the budget was not spent as the library was largely unavailable to us as we were not able to keep our building open.

The monthly feature in Delve that usually gives a synopsis of books and DVD's recently added, and/or supports the messages of that month, was changed to mostly providing suggestions of online resources related either to managing during the Pandemic, or further studies on the sermon themes.

However, in spite of the lockdown, I was able to come in over the summer of 2020 to do a complete inventory and then updated the online catalog to reflect corrections and deletions. In the process, outdated materials were also removed.

The few books that were purchased included two books for children:

It will be Okay, and Am I safe?

As well, I added God and the Pandemic by N.T. Wright, It's Okay not to be Okay by Sheila Walsh, and Faith Unraveled by Rachel Held Evans.

The Resource Centre is online, and you can look up and request books from the church website. Go to:

<http://springgardenchurch.ca>

Click on Resources, Library

This will take you directly to a search screen where you can input your search terms

(title, author, subject, etc.) to discover what is available in the library.

You can submit a request for a book, and it will be emailed to me.

Nomination Committee

Report from Cliff Shipmaker

I would like to thank the nominating committee members, Kathy Webb, Meghan Valentine, Koon Wah Leung, Kevin Lai and myself.

We faced a few challenges this year due to the COVID 19 restrictions. This meant that we had to meet over Zoom and find a convenient time for everybody. We also had some unique challenges in filling the positions. In the end the team was successful in filling the necessary positions.

The team would like to thank all the people who were contacted by our committee to serve on behalf of the church. The members all took the nomination seriously and prayerfully considered whether the commitment was suitable for them as well as whether the commitment was possible for them.

As a result, the chart of nominees that will be released for the Annual General Meeting was put together.

For anyone thinking of serving on the nominating committee I would like to say that it is a small commitment of time but also an important and necessary role. It is a 2 year commitment and normally meetings are held at the beginning of the year to fill positions that are becoming vacant.

The committee works through a list of members and we discuss who we think would be suitable as a Deacon, Elder, Nominating Committee member.

The committee also ensures that there are officers for certain positions that administratively keep the church running smoothly.

It is helpful if you know some people in the church but each member of the committee brings unique views and knowledge of members of the church that they know.

The committee also receives input from the pastoral team, Deacons and Elders along the way. Our hope is to have committed members on all the teams that represent a cross section of the church membership and a variety of age groups.

I would encourage anyone who has an interest in the running of the church and would like to get their feet wet with a small commitment to consider serving on the Nominating Committee.

Deacons (3 year term)

Current Deacons	Finishing Year
Joanne Laing	2021
Shannon Loewen	2021
Monica Kim	2021
Martin Dewar	2022 (1 year extension)
Krysten Cameron	2022
Jeff McGee	2022
Ben Reynolds	2023
Cheryl Chapman	2023
Nominees	
Darlene Boyd	2024
Debbie Tempelmeyer	2024
Scott Moore*	2024

Elders (3 year term)

Current Elders	Finishing Year
Anne Barron	2022
Koon Wah Leung	2022
Clem Lee	2022
Gonzalo Librado	2023
Margaret Sutton	2023
Myrna Frost	2023

Officers (1 year term, renewed)

Position	Current Officers
Moderator	Jane McClean
Vice-Moderator	Mike Penner
Treasurer	Geoff Moore
Vice-Treasurer	Marion Cameron
Clerk	Karen Cassel
Nominees	
Moderator	Mike Penner
Vice-Moderator	(unfilled)
Treasurer	Geoff Moore
Vice-Treasurer	Marion Cameron
Clerk	Karen Cassel

Nominating Committee Members (2 year term)

Current Members	Finishing Year
Kevin Lai	2021
Kathy Webb	2021
Cliff Shipmaker (extend 1yr)	2022
Meghan Valentine	2022
Koon Wah Leung	2022
Nominees	
Anita Yip	2023

We extend our **thanks** to those who have served and those who continue to serve our church.

*added after original posting following requirements as per section 50.03 of the bylaws.



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