

Dauphin First Baptist Church 

the road ahead



Annual Meeting Reports

Sunday, September 27th, 2020

Treasurer

As I reflect over this past year and especially the last few months, I stand amazed at God's goodness and faithfulness to us. We may not be able to come together as a congregation in person on a Sunday morning, but as I review and manage the finances each week, I get to see how, in this area, as a congregation, we HAVE come together! We have come together sharing of the finances we have been blessed with.....even in uncertain times. God has continued to be faithful as He has promised during these unpredictable days and I feel such thankfulness in my heart. We have trusted God to provide for all our needs and to be able to share with our community and the world we live in.....and He HAS!

As has often been my message of thanks over the years, I once again say, "Thank you for sharing in the ministry of Dauphin First Baptist Church!"

Blessings,
Angie Seale - Bookkeeper

Clerk

Roll changes from January 1st, 2019 to December 31st, 2019

New Members:	1
Baptisms:	0
Past Members removed from roll:	4
Members Deceased:	3
Members Transferred:	0

Totals at December 31st, 2019

Current Active Members:	66
Non-Active/non-resident Members:	11
Adherents:	45
Total Attending:	111

Ed Froese



Leadership Team

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and
lean not on your own understanding**

Proverbs 3:5

I have to say this has been an adventurous year of trusting the Lord in things put in front of us. Plus reflecting back and seeing how the Lord was preparing us even if we didn't know what his plans may entail.

Things that have taken place with our Leadership Team:

- an annual Retreat which was hosted at Cwir's Cabin
- having Blake become a part of our Leadership Team
- Studying a book called "Holy Conversations" (Strategic Planning as a Spiritual Practice for Congregations"
- monthly meetings where we take turns bringing supper and sharing our lives as we grew together in a team
- having Andree Aiken come from Georgia to speak about her book "Help! I'm in Transition"
- helped in leading one of the first ZOOM Congregational Meetings which was in June 2020
- Anna joining us in one of our Team meetings
- praying for our congregation, ministry points, CBWC, Dauphin, Chartering a Path and others
- helping Mission and Mercy Team with some of their events is always worth a time of fellowship and laughs
- Learning new ways to give Tithes as in e-transfers

Then Covid-19 showed up so we quickly had to regroup and look at a new way of doing "Church" on Sundays, Leadership Meetings, extra meetings, etc...

Zoom became the new word for our Church Family and a new season began for all of us learning to change in the way we showed up at church! I am very excited that everyone was willing to learn Zoom to be a part of Sunday Service. Plus, the people sending in videos to help Pastor Loralyn put together a Sunday Service. She did a lot of learning and practice to prepare the 45-60 minutes of Church Service as we do not realize that time needed to prepare this content.

(Thank You Loralyn)

Last of all, as we continue to learn new ways to look after our congregation I want to say "thanks" to the whole Leadership Team as each one of you bring a piece to the Table to

help run Dauphin First Baptist Church. Be blessed as I have been blessed from all the learning and growth being part of the Team.

**No matter what happens, always be thankful,
for this is God's will for you who
belong to Christ Jesus
1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Blessings,

Karen Kornik



Stewardship Team

The year started out fine. We had our regular lists of things to get done. The ceiling in the foyer was scarred from a one-time leak, we needed a shelf built and the floor re-enforced in the storage attic. The forever discussion on how to keep the snow from falling off the roof on someone, insurance, budgets, lightbulbs. People of the stewardship team graciously care about these things. Then March came and basically we had to change everything. BJ put a sign on the door and I put it on the website:

**In compliance with recommended
COVID -19 precautions, public
gatherings will be suspended until
further notice. Check
www.dauphinfbc.ca
for updates and contact info.**

It's hard to remember way back then but things didn't get less busy. We quickly revised the budget in case the giving dropped because we weren't meeting physically. What did we really need to spend before September? Lots of stories about churches laying off their staff... would we need a government subsidy? What all needed to be done in this new phase? Well, we met on Zoom and we prayed and we worked. Ray and Eddy added a picture hanging border to the back room so it would be ready when Griefshare was back. BJ helped with the painting and organizing.



A shelf got built so we'll be ready for the kids. Counting the offering changed completely as did the use of the building. We kept working. Eddy Meidl took care to the yard this summer and there is still no problem finding things that need to be done. We're looking forward to continuing to serve the Lord through this ministry.



Mission and Mercy Team

- *Prayed for people in or Congregation and pray for our missionaries abroad and families in need
- *Thanksgiving supper at Parkland Crossing October 2019 served about 100 people
- * Helped out at Under One Roof Monday nights until March when everything got shut down do to Covid19 at the United Church. Also gathered mitts, socks to donate to the homeless that came to Under One Roof.
- *Helped out at the care home with the services when our turn came up
- *Children's Christmas program December 15, had Faspas-buns, jam, cheese and fruit

*Besides walking in the Coldest Night Jan 30/20, we also were one of the sponsor's (Money went to Habitat for Humanity for their new building project)

*Commissioned Wieler's December 8/19 on their mission trip, helped out with \$300

*Supplied and served two Parkland Crossings meals April 16 28 and May 28,2019.

Because of Covid19 we had to serve only takeout meals. Numbers were down,

But was able to supply Echo housing with meals with what was left over.

* Was able to help out Parkland Crossings with meals on wheels for the children

From Whitmore and Henderson schools that were not able to go to school.

*Adopt a family for Christmas, Mom and Dad with a girl 7 and a boy 1, also a Mom and a girl 15

* Parkland Crisis Centre, were able to supply them with toothpaste and brushes



ON GOING MINISTRIES

*Habitat- Keeping in touch with Rodney Juba, so we are ready when they start to build

*PCH Chapel- had to stop in March do to Covid19

*Praise the Lord, we were able to meet all our financial & physical commitments

For Mission and Mercy for the year. Thank You all for your financial and physical help.

Dave Rempel



GriefShare

We had commenced another session of GriefShare back in February but the continuation of the sessions after four gatherings was hijacked by the virus pandemic.

We are planning to resume Sept. 17 with many of the earlier participants signed up to return. There may be restrictions on numbers, but hopefully we can handle the numbers that wish to attend.

My co-leaders, Cheryl Mitchell, and Len Bergen have been tireless in their care for the GriefShare experience. All three of us hope to be on hand for the Sept. commencement.

If you know of anyone who might benefit from GS please have them contact myself for further information and registration.

William Hart

WORSHIP TEAM: Music

The past six months certainly took the traditional church service down a different path as we responded to Covid19 and going forward we will aim to respond well and in God's way. In March and into April, YouTube songs were accessed and used during the service. Late April, we started the process of recording music at the church building,

physically distanced and with just a couple of musicians. The most we've had since then is three 😊

Different ways of recording have been tried, and even if all the ways have not been successful, there's always been learning. Much thanks to Lorilyn who shouldered all the technological components for many weeks, and now thanks to some of our regular sound crew who are keenly learning on the fly and being creative in the sound process.

Personally, I do miss the singing together - there just is no substitute. But we have been blessed to have had many years of meeting together with singing as part of our worship.



And the Lord willing, we can anticipate many more years in the near future. During this Covid time, thank you to those of you who shared a song as a couple or as a family, or solo on zoom. That was heart-filling. I hope for more of that on zoom-church or in-person church!



How can I keep from singing your praise.

How can I ever say enough

How amazing is Your love.

How can I keep from shouting Your name.

I know I am loved by the King

Prior to the Covid pandemic which has taken a very prominent place in our thinking and daily lives, our ministry of music was led by several of our church family who naturally worship God through singing and playing instruments. Without a doubt, they were dedicated as they juggled family schedules, were hosting company, experienced losses, had gone sleepless, etc...yet they showed up, knowing God had equipped them and that He would sustain them. As a music/sound team we were able to meet a couple of times. Otherwise, we had “mini” meetings during our weekly practice.

So often we pray for God to meet each of the people who will be part of our service - to prepare each of our hearts, to help our spirits be open to His truth and His perspective.

And always, we want to glorify God. We don't always get that right, but we strive for that.

Looking ahead, we plan to continue to share music through the zoom avenue until such a time as we can meet together. It would be such a blessing to have more and more of our church family share a song. Even if they don't consider themselves a musician utilizing YouTube, reading the lyrics or suggesting songs are all options.

We continue to sing His praise!

Vanessa Kish



Spiritual Growth

Children's Ministry Intern: Anna Lawrence

This year we were blessed to participate in the Pastoral Internship of Anna Lawrence from Nipawan Bible College. Anna came to us in September and ran Family Church and Kid's church, wrote and directed the Christmas concert, attended ministerial meetings and filled our hearts with her enthusiasm for Jesus. The pandemic ended her time with us suddenly and she finished off with some video readings for the kids. We wish Anna success in her ventures and miss her lively gusto for life.

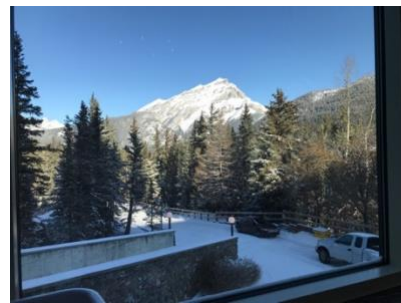


Pastor

A year ago we started a book study on Luke that lasted until Easter. Almost a year ago we had a storm and cancelled our Thanksgiving service for the first time anyone could remember. The ice was thick, the snow was deep and we wanted to keep people safe. And it felt totally strange to not meet on Sunday morning, not sing together, not hug and rejoice in God's goodness, together. The next week we had Thanksgiving together and hoped that didn't happen again for a long time.



In November Cordell and I got to go to Banff Pastor's conference again. Thank you.



And then Christmas was full and wonder filled. The kids did so well in their creative production with Anna leading and so much food!



Terry Smith from CBM



We prayed for the people in Australia because the fires there were the worst we could imagine.

Then... came March. First it was a rumor. Then they said to keep safe we should not meet together. So, on March 19 we closed the church building (for a couple of weeks) and on March 22 we had our first Sunday Morning Zoom Service.

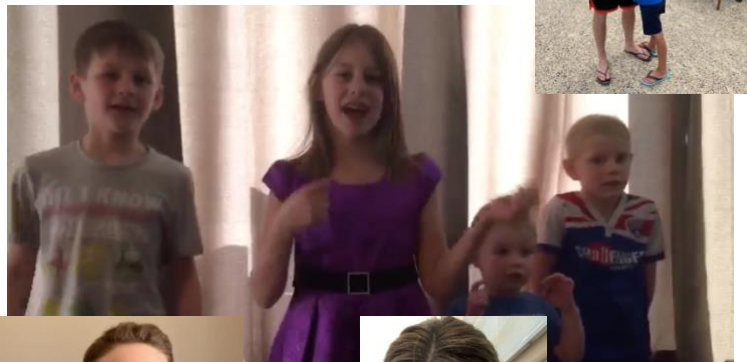
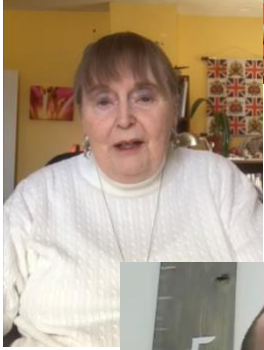
How God prepared us:

1. Last year some of us prayed together on Zoom so we kind of had an idea of how to use it. (I had some practice too with CBWC meetings)
2. In the summer Blake got the Mass Email list almost all put together so we were able to use it almost immediately.
3. BJ had just finished the directory.
4. We finally had figured out E-transfers.

Isn't that amazing? So basically we were almost ready (if anyone could be). In God's kindness and care we transitioned quickly and we stuck together.



Now, I admit freely, Zoom is not the best way to be together but for this time I believe it has been such a gift to us. I hope we'll have fond memories of this time. Here are few pictures that might help:



So this has been a year we will remember and I trust it is bringing us closer to God, giving us more reason to trust Him, helping us to realize how much He loves us. As we start into this season as Dauphin First Baptist Church, I'm eager to dream together, to see how we can use this time to let others know about our awesome God and His love. Thank you for your commitment to Him and to this congregation. It has been such a joy to work with the teams and with BJ. We're all hoping things go well and she can come back to us soon. I miss her very much. I want to individually mention and thank all those who have worked so tirelessly this year but just check back on the reports and take note of who they are. Scott and Vanessa and Dave really stepped up in the Zoom area and Karen Kornik led us through this time with grace and wisdom.

I am so thankful.

Much love,
Loralyn

Nominations Report

Ministry Teams for 2020 – 2021

Leadership Team (Chair)	Blake Johnson (2019)
	Dave Rempel (2016)
	Len Bergen (2017)
	Cheryl Mitchell (2018)
	Dean Wowchuk (2020)
Clerk	Ed Froese
Stewardship Team (Chair)	Len Bergen
Treasurer	Gloria McCallum (2015)
	Brian Cwir
	Ray Meidl
	Rick Fendick
Administrator	BJ Wowchuk (on medical leave)
Bookkeeper	Angie Seale (2015)
Mission and Mercy Team	Dave Rempel
Hospitality	Mary Bergen
Care Ministries	Faye Wowchuk
	Mark and Marie Northrup
Griefshare	Bill Hart
Meals on Wheels Co	Ed Froese
Children's Ministries Co	
Music Coordinator	Vanessa Kish
Sound/Media Coordinator	Scott Kish
Ushers and Greeters Co	Lee Meidl
Arts	Karin Fendick
Communion Steward	Lee Meidl
Library (Resources) Co	