

# THE VILLAGE CHURCH



## Annual Report 2020





The Village Church

*Living Jesus, living hope, in our homes, church, community and world.*

### Executive Leadership Team (ELT)

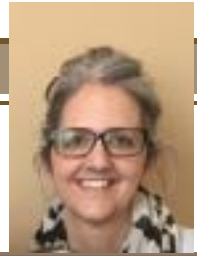
Leanne Benner	Chairperson
Dustin Benner	Secretary
Ivan Lubberts	Lay Delegate
Andrew Seburn	Lay Delegate
Sue Smalldon	Member at Large
Dan Desilest	Pastor

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Leanne Benner  
ELT Chair

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

We started 2020 strong, going into the New Year with optimism and faith that we would meet our newly increased budget and have an exciting year ahead! We saw Sunday mornings with a full parking lot and many new faces and families.

We had our Annual Review in March joined by our newest ELT member Sue Smalldon. We discussed our goals for 2020 (or what we thought they would be). We planned on assembling a church expansion team, further developing ministry teams and offering a Hearing God seminar to the congregation. We had a desire to nurture the life of our small groups and continue to find ways to reach out to the community and make meaningful connections. We also made plans for some of our ladies to attend a Renewal Conference in Steinbach Manitoba in May.

The end of March hit like a tidal wave and we all became very familiar with the terms “pivot”, “social distance” and “pandemic”. From then on, plans were disrupted and 2020 became its own kind of terrifying roller coaster of emotions. We navigated the public health guidelines and government restrictions as best we could, they were unlike anything we have experienced before. We have all learned how to stream YouTube channels, navigate Zoom calls, and get creative with how we connect.



The ELT continued to meet monthly online and also bi-weekly with our significant others as Dan led us through the Church Renewal material. Dan established a new routine and began delivering his weekly sermons online with the utmost professionalism and creativity. He engaged the community in new and exciting ways. He invited us to do the same. It has been uncomfortable to try new things but it's also allowed for growth.

Throughout these last few months, we have struggled with re-opening, safety protocols, and new ways to navigate the ever changing guidelines. We have prayed...a lot! We have learned to quiet

our hearts and minds and listen to God. We have tried to encourage each other to stay connected and continue to do God's work, sharing his life and love through the

“church”. This shake-up of life came as a great reminder that the “church” is not a building but the people. It’s YOU and ME and everyone around us. This led us to discover what we now know as “Tiny Village Churches”. We launched in September and there is no looking back! Tiny Villages have flourished and become a way for us to connect with each other personally, build community, encourage and care for each other even when we can’t physically be together. We are being the “church”. We are building the “church” and we are growing!

Our delegates, Ivan and Andrew along with Dan “attended” the annual conference via “Zoom”. Please be praying for two new UB Church lead pastors: Jeff Sterns (Garrison Rd.) and Brad Bauer (Stanley Park). Emmanuel Bible College is in need of help to continue operating. Please be praying for this as well. A highlight to mention, The UB Denomination surpassed a giving goal for relief kits to vulnerable Haitian church families. Thank you for your support!

As the year comes to an end, we say good-bye to two of our ELT members. Dustin and Andrew have chosen to complete their terms and I want to personally thank them for their leadership, dedication and faithful example of how to live Christ-like. Without their support and commitment, this would have been a very different year. We appreciate all that they have done for The Village Church in their many years serving in this role! Thank you sincerely for your faithful contributions. May God bless you as you discover other ways to serve God’s Church.

As the ELT looks forward to 2021, its scary and uncertain but it’s also exciting. We are learning to be flexible, take things as they come and put our faith in God. We hope to lead you through this year with grace and humility, kindness and love. We thank you for your continued support and prayers. Be encouraged and have hope. God is faithful.

Leanne Benner

ELT Chairperson





## **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM NOMINATIONS (ELT)**

The bylaws of The Village Church state that Executive Leaders (also known as the Board of Directors) for our charity will be voted/affirmed by the congregation., Each person nominated will be a partner (member) of The Village Church and meet the requirements of the United Brethren Church in Canada.

Each nominee will agree to a 1, 2 or 3 year term, to allow for staggered changes in the Executive Team. Each Executive Team member may serve a maximum of 3 consecutive 2 year terms (or 6 years) and may serve again after a break of one year or more. Immediate family members of the Pastoral Staff or Executive Team members shall not serve on the Executive Team.

This year we wish to affirm the following to serve on our Executive Leadership Team:

- Leanne Benner **(1 year term, 3rd year overall)**
- Ivan Lubberts **(1 year term, 3rd year overall)**
- Sue Smalldon **(2 year term, 2nd year overall)**
- Kyleen Rafferty **(1 year term, 1st year overall)**

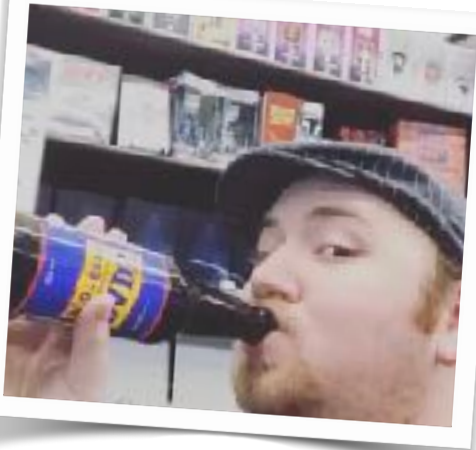
## PASTORS REPORT



Daniel Desilest  
Pastor

When it comes time to gather our annual reports for the year in review, I enjoy thinking back to all the ways that God guided and provided. This year, I didn't want to think back to 2020. It was a long year with many adjustments and a steep learning curve. But as I reflect, it was filled with incredible displays of God's provision and strength.

In Psalm 145:8-9 it says "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."



I continue to pray this for our Village Church and can attest that, yes, God has shown much mercy in and through each of us this year and God is all over this place and these people we call The Village Church.

We began the year continuing to pursue renewal by having our Leadership Team go through the first part of learning what it means to Abide in Christ. Our congregation looked at the practice of ancient spiritual disciplines. We fervently prayed that God would help us to meet a new higher budget, in faith. He was faithful in these pursuits. We exceeded our budgetary needs for the first time in a long time, and

many of our leadership has been experiencing personal spiritual renewal in our prayer and study times.

We quickly went into lockdown with the advent of COVID-19 and had to transition Sunday gathering times to online. This was a big learning curve for me and I have tried to find various ways to utilize technology for the mission of living Jesus, and living hope in all areas of life. I appreciated the support from everyone as we had hiccups along the way and various people of The Village Church contributed online content for us all to enjoy.

We learned the new routines of "online school" and how to pray in whole new ways for us to persevere. We had online guided prayer through the summer months and our ELT launched Tiny Village Churches. I have had more opportunity in the slow months to have great visits with many more people and began addressing some crises that had arisen as a result of the pandemic. This has not slowed





down. Many are stressed, depressed, in need of encouragement, hope and assurance. Jesus gives all of this, and often chooses us, as a people to give it. So, thank you for your willingness to be Jesus hands and feet in such an odd time in history.

Life still marches on, even in the midst of a pandemic, so I had the pleasure of leading a couple wedding ceremonies. And sadly, we had to say good-bye to some loved ones in our community as well. We were saddened to experience the loss of two dear friends with The Village Church this year, Lynda Comerford and Pat Sedore. We are greatly missing them and God has continued to give us comfort in the sorrow and missing of them.

As well, I had the joy of dedicating Elsie Kiss to the Lord, with her family Murray and Maria, Brennan and Emmi. I also got to brave the cold November waters of Lake Erie to baptize Les Cooper and his mom Rhonda.

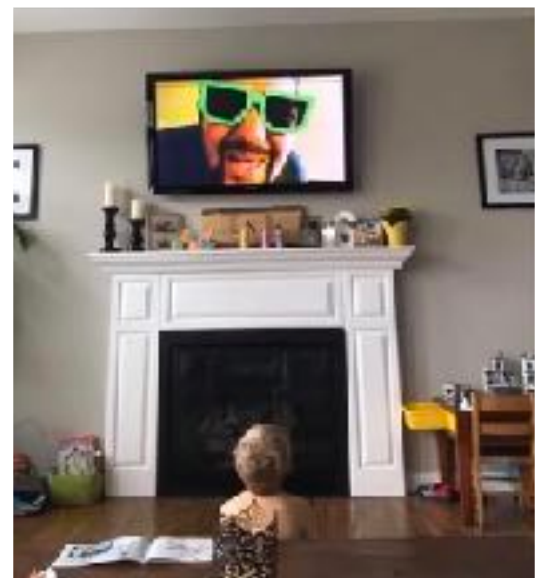
We were still able to send out various things to let people know we are there for them and appreciate them, including delivering brownies on Mothers Day and Dad's Root Beer on Fathers Day.

Many of our Tiny Villages found ways to begin to connect as well, including gathering at the church building in smaller groups to watch the online content together and finding practical ways to pray and care for each other. This is the heartbeat of the church and I strongly encourage you to take up the mantle of God's Church and check in on each other and love each other in simple and practical ways.

We had a chance to gather outside for a prayer night in 2020 as well as an outdoor carol sing and we had a wet but heartfelt Christmas Eve service.

Everyone came together this year to donate over 100 boxes of cereal for our local food banks after the Christmas season. Way to go!

I want to thank our ELT so much for this past year. They never signed on to do what they have done this past year. It was a true sacrifice. None of us have ever served and led a church in the midst of pandemic before. A special thanks to Andrew Seburn and Dustin Benner as they step out of the ELT role. They took on far more in 2020 than what



they anticipated. We pray God gives them a season of rest and opportunity to serve His Church in other capacities.

I think as you read all the reports in this years Annual Report, you will discover that God is stirring up new ways for us to be God's Church. Well, not new ways, they are old ways, but perhaps we are experiencing them in new ways and learning the simpler rhythms of what it means to love and serve others. You will notice that God has been extremely faithful as we have journeyed this year of "firsts" and while all the methods of God's Church may have changed, the mission stays the same. And the results are the same too. We still grow, we are still encouraged, saved, baptized, and serve each other. We are a people where everyone belongs and perhaps we needed to find new ways to be the Church, so that we can keep finding the momentum to move forward in what God desires for us.

Peace,



Dan Desilest  
Pastor







Liz Seburn  
Village Kids

## VILLAGE KIDS MINISTRY

As 2020 was a year of changes and factors that no one could have possibly imagined, the Village Kids Ministry team had to come up with many new ideas and ways to involve our kids that were nothing like we had done or seen done before in past years.

January-March, we continued using “The Meeting House” curriculum as it was going well for teachers and students. Once COVID hit in March and the church building was no longer able to be used for church gatherings, all of our lessons came to a halt with hopes that the church would be opening again soon and things would be back to normal. When things continued, we met and figured out a plan of action for what we wanted to do in the summer and into the fall. We decided to make up packets for each of the families that included some worksheets and a lesson and craft. We sent out packets in June, July, and August. The packages were well received and seemed to be a good way to continue to connect with the kids and their families.

In August, we started our Village Kids facebook page and started connecting online with the families we missed seeing during that time. We have been working since then to create an online presence, sending e-mail updates and encouraging facebook interactions.



The beginning of October, we started working with Pastor Dan to put together some kid-focussed questions and activities that went along with the Sunday sermons being

posted on YouTube. We emailed those out weekly as a resource for families, hoping to help equip parents in the process of teaching and discipling their kids. We also sent out monthly newsletters, presented monthly memory verse competitions, and tried out a few zoom calls for the kids.

We held PD Dayz events in January and February. These events have continued to be a great success over the last couple of years, getting anywhere from 50 to 90 kids attending from local schools. Once COVID hit we looked for ways to continue to serve the kids in the community with some adaptations. We were able to get some small businesses and community helpers to donate things and along with some village church volunteers, made up packets with fun activities and crafts, which we handed out while taking all the precautions for a contactless pick up. These have been very successful, going through approximately 75 packets for each event.

Thank you to each one of you who volunteered your time to help with the Village Church Kids' Ministry in 2020. And thank you to those in our congregation who faithfully pray for the work going on in our church and community and with our kids. Especially during 2020, there were so many changes and we had to stretch and adapt in so many ways. We truly appreciate each one of you and look forward to what God will do in 2021.

Submitted by

Liz Seburn





Daniel Desilest  
Pastor

## SMALL GROUPS

While we haven't had much growth in the way of small groups in 2020, we had two small groups that met either online or in socially distant ways last year.

Terry Gilmore continues to host and facilitate a small group and I have led a small group as well. We had a short term small group of men meeting online at the beginning of the pandemic as well.

As you know, in September, we have placed every person/household into a Tiny Village, consisting of around 15-25 people, for the purposes of keeping us connected in the season of limited gathering numbers. However, this also allows us to each focus on a manageable number of people that we can get to know, pray for and support in a variety of ways.

We had three months of being part of a Tiny Village in 2020. Some of these cohort of people have connected very well and been proactive in praying for one another, sharing care packages, gathering at the church building to watch the Village Church online content and share lunch together. One Tiny Village did a hayride, one a bonfire and others are connecting on a Facebook group. Some of the Tiny Villages have not taken opportunity to connect and thus some of these folks feel a sense of lacking in community, understandably.

The potential to live out the life of the church in these Tiny Villages, in smaller community, is really what God's Church is all about. Our purpose as God's people are to be MORE than gathering to worship and pray and learn from the scriptures. It is ultimately about showing interest in others lives, pointing to and demonstrating the hope of Jesus and serving in practical ways. Let's encourage each other as the days go by, to embrace new rhythms of being God's Church.

Peace,

Dan Desilest





Dustin Benner  
Property

## PROPERTY REPORT

2020 has been a different year to be sure. Despite these things some property work has still carried on.

While 2020 was not as busy for property items, we were still able to get a few tasks complete:

1. Parking lot repairs – the rear of the parking lot was dug out and new stone added. were repaired at the same time.
2. Painting – several rooms in the building were repainted.
3. Projector – a new projector was purchased as our old one was beginning to deteriorate. This new projector was installed on the ceiling.

Along with those bigger items, general maintenance and upkeep have continued with furnace checks before heating season, sump pump monitoring, grass cutting and other items.

Looking forward into 2021 we are still looking at getting the drywall repairs in the sanctuary complete and the room repainted. We were on track for this to happen in 2020 but due to COVID complications for the drywall contractor we were not able to get this completed. We may also be looking at extending the parking lot back towards the Stevensville Hall to allow for more parking as we have grown.

I greatly appreciate each person who helps with these property items around the grounds. A very special thanks to those who take on leadership in planning and organizing to get this work done, your work is all that much more appreciated.

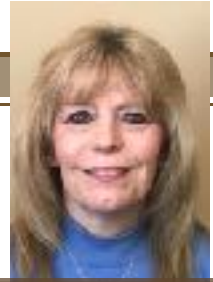
2020 has been another year where God has provided for all our needs in terms of property and many other ways too. So, my greatest thanks to Him.

Submitted By

Dustin Benner







Diane Hooper  
Financial Secretary

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

### The Village Church in Stevensville

Records from 01.01.20 to 12.31.20

**\$8.00 of Initial Offering for February is loose offering.  
Loose offering for April is from Canada Helps.**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund #</b>	<b>Contribution Total</b>
General	5215256D	\$128,840.22
General/Loose	5215256E	\$788.43
Initial Offering (envelopes)	5215256G	\$138.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$129,766.65</b>





Randy Winger  
Treasurer

## TREASURER REPORT

### **INCOME & EXPENSES 2020**

\$2,441.02/week

	2020 budget	2020	2019	2018
January	10,577.76	\$7,602.01	\$6,055.60	\$6,858.10
February	10,577.76	\$10,734.20	\$7,309.95	\$8,596.80
March	10,577.76	\$11,573.06	\$7,116.50	\$7,065.10
April	10,577.76	\$10,933.38	\$10,145.75	\$9,339.10
May	10,577.76	\$11,582.00	\$6,157.25	\$7,431.40
June	10,577.76	\$9,192.00	\$ 10,199.20	\$8,269.45
July	10,577.76	\$10,958.00	\$ 6,821.85	\$6,369.00
Aug	10,577.76	\$10,252.00	\$ 9,431.25	\$8,032.25
Sept	10,577.76	\$9,439.00	\$ 9,708.00	\$8,056.80
October	10,577.76	\$10,016.00	\$ 8,411.60	\$7,003.60
November	10,577.76	\$10,097.00	\$ 9,031.75	\$7,281.55
December	10,577.76	\$17,388.00	\$ 10,860.54	\$11,499.05
YTD				
YTD overage		2,833.53		
total	126,933.12	129,766.65	101,249.24	84,303.15



**2020 Actual Result OPERATING BUDGET**

	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Budget</b>
Operating Expenses		
*Caretaker	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00
*Pastors Car	\$956.88	\$2,500.00
*Pastors Utilities	\$6,246.15	\$7,000.00
*Payroll Pastor Salary	\$42,000.00	\$42,000.00
*Payroll Pension Church portion	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
*Payroll- Receiver General	\$2,091.23	\$3,600.00
Accounting fees		\$400.00
Advertising & Promotion		\$200.00
Alarm System	\$349.24	\$350.00
Bank Service Charges	\$167.25	\$150.00
Bereavement & Compassion	\$185.25	\$500.00
Youth /Sunday School/CE/DISCIPLESHP	\$587.41	\$900.00
Church Utilities	\$5,783.77	\$6,500.00
Copyright & Video licenses	\$519.24	\$950.00
PD Dayz	\$419.74	\$600.00
Library		\$200.00
Pulpit Supply		\$900.00
Conference Exp/Employee Training	\$49.72	\$400.00
HST	\$3.30	\$4,500.00
Kitchen Expense/Café	\$284.68	\$550.00
Office Supplies	\$2,706.68	\$3,000.00
Outreach & Special Events	\$210.02	\$2,000.00
 CAPITAL EXPEND FOR CHURCH		\$2,000.00
Employee Training	\$809.27	\$1,200.00
Professional Fees	\$4,594.50	\$4,250.00
Property	\$1,303.17	\$1,000.00
Property Insurance	\$5,435.16	\$5,200.00
Property Taxes	\$905.41	\$1,000.00
Tithe	\$12,213.00	\$11,000.00
Worship and Music FUNDS Donated	\$1,956.66	
Y-Benefits RSP		
y-Benefits Assessments	\$7,840.00	\$7,838.00
y-Christian Higher Ed	\$1,320.00	\$1,322.59
y-Church Plant	\$396.00	\$396.78
y-Conference Assessments	\$5,896.00	\$5,896.75
y-Huntington College	\$264.00	\$264.52
y-Maintenance for Missions	\$264.00	\$264.52
 Total Operating Expenses	<b>\$110,257.73</b>	<b>\$126,933.16</b>

# Profit and Loss

## The Village Church, Stevensville

Date Range: Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020

ACCOUNTS		Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020
<b>Income</b>		
General Offerings Loose		\$796.43
General Offerings Receipted		\$23,965.00
General receipted etransfer		\$104,875.22
Initial offerings Receipted		\$130.00
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$129,766.65</b>
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>\$129,766.65</b>
As a percentage of Total Income		100.00%
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
*Caretaker		\$2,400.00
*Pastors Car		\$956.88
*Pastors Utilities		\$6,246.15
*Payroll – Pastor Salary		\$42,000.00
*Payroll – Pension Church portion		\$2,100.00
*Payroll- Receiver General		\$2,091.23
Accounting Fees		\$4,594.50
Alarm System		\$349.24
Bank Service Charges		\$167.25



<b>Operating Expenses</b>	
Benevolent & Bereavement	\$185.25
Church Utilities	\$5,783.77
Conference Expenses	\$49.72
Copyright & Video licenses	\$519.24
EXTRAORDINARY Worship & Music	\$1,956.66
Employee Training	\$809.27
HST	\$3.30
Kitchen Expense	\$284.68
Office Supplies	\$2,706.68
Outreach & Special Events	\$210.02
PD Dayz	\$419.74
Property	\$1,303.17
Property Insurance	\$5,435.16
Property Taxes	\$905.41
Tithe	\$12,213.00
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y-Huntington College	\$264.00
y-Maintenance for Missions	\$264.00
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$110,257.73</b>

<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>\$19,508.92</b>
<b>As a percentage of Total Income</b>	<b>15.03%</b>

# Balance Sheet

## The Village Church, Stevensville

As of Dec 31, 2020

ACCOUNTS	Dec 31, 2020
<b>Assets</b>	
<b>Cash and Bank</b>	
Business Investor Account	\$2,004.01
COMMUNITY PLAN PLUS	\$34,060.59
Community Plan SAVINGS	\$74,833.75
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>\$110,898.35</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
PD Days designated	\$580.26
Projector Funds designated	\$543.34
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1,123.60</b>
<b>Long-term Assets</b>	
<b>Total Long-term Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$112,021.95</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
ETD payable	\$371.67
GST Refund	-\$173.66
OHST Refund	-\$450.87
Payroll Liabilities	\$2,792.41
TD BUSINESS VISA	\$612.73
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,152.28</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Long-term Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$3,152.28</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
<b>Retained Earnings</b>	
Profit for all prior years	-\$14,954.07
Profit between Jan 1, 2020 and Dec 31, 2020	\$19,508.92
Retained Earnings/Deficit	\$104,314.82
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$108,869.67</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$108,869.67</b>