

# *Valley Congregational Christian Church*



## **Annual Report 2023**

### **Our Vision for Valley:**

To be a church  
where you can connect with Jesus  
and be part of a caring, serving community

## **Annual Meeting Agenda – June 25, 2023**

Call to Order

Prayer

Additions to agenda:

Celebration / Thanksgiving / Congregational Remarks

Establishment of Quorum

Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes: June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Approval of 2023 Budget Meeting Minutes: February 12th, 2023

New Business:

Acceptance of Annual Reports - Questions / Input

Nomination Committee Report

Affirmation of Leadership Team

Affirmation of Treasurer

Affirmation of Church secretary

Other Business:

Prayer

Adjournment

## Nomination Report

### Current Leadership Team

#### Deacons:

Janet Armstrong	Completing her second year – second term
Carol Dugalo	Completing her first year – first term
Scot Hutchinson	Completing his second year – second term
Lia Pinske	Completing her second year – second term
Shirley Van Vianen	Completing her first year – first term

#### Elders:

Edna Barisoff	Completing her second year – second term
Ken Clarke	Pastor
Don Hargrave	Completing a sabbatical year
John Unger	Completing his first year – first term

### Recommendation of the Nomination Committee:

Deacons:	Joanne Bray	Two years (first term)
	Anita Ference	Two years (first term)
	Lennie Latoski	Two years (first term)

Elders:	John Unger	Two years (first term)
	Edna Barisoff	Sabbatical
	Don Hargrave	

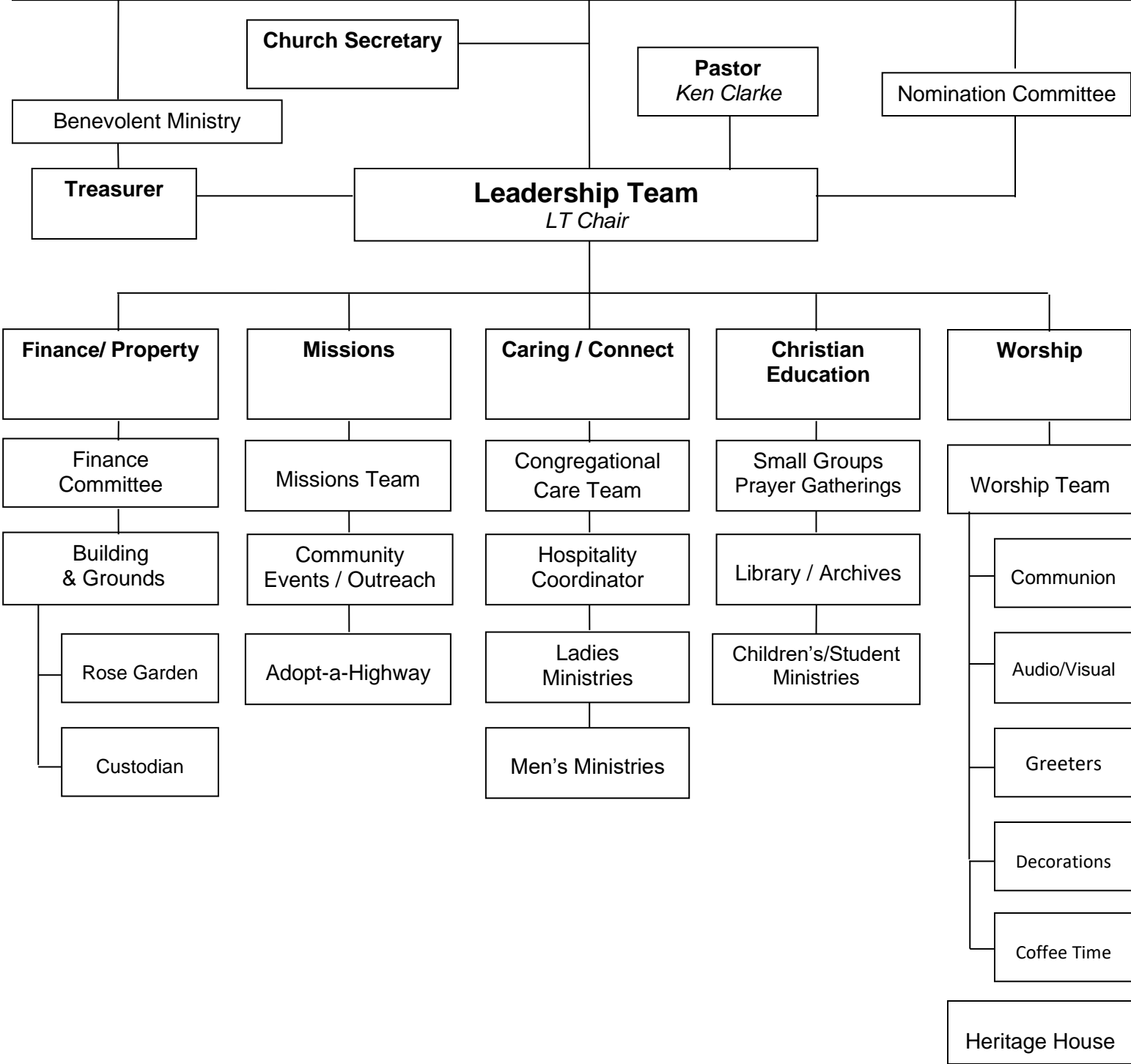
*Janet Armstrong*

*Scot Hutchinson*

*Janice Skoreyko*

*Sandra Shaw*

**Valley Congregational Christian Church**



## Valley - Active (Voting) Members (48)

July 2022

Armstrong, Janet	
Ashe, Shannon	
Barisoff, Edna	
Bootsma, Sharon	
Bray, Joanne	
Brommeland, June	
Caldecott, Trevor	Shaw, Sandra
Carter, Gaye	
Clarke, Janice	Clarke, Ken
Demorest, Trudy	
Dikur, Velma	
Dugalo, Carol	
Ference, Anita	
Glenn, Donna	
Hargrave, Don	Hargrave, Roberta
Harvey, Innis	Harvey, Judy
Hutchinson, Scott	Hutchinson, Susan
James, Jean	James, Mel
Kelso, Donna	
Kobylnik, John	
Latoski, Lennie	Skoreyko, Janice
Lewthwaite, Darlene	
Lepp, Tim	Lepp, Jana
Melnyk, Bill	
McGeachy, Bruce	McGeachy, Melba
Middleton, Shelley	
Moran, Ruth	
Pinske, Lia	
Rottier, Jack	
Schultz, Eileen	
Sipe, Arden	Sipe, Susan
Smith, Winnifred	
Unger, John	Unger, Katie
Vandenburg, Diena	
Van Vianen, Shirley	
Wimme, Nani	
Wood, Fiona	

## **Annual Meeting Minutes - June 26, 2022**

The Annual Meeting of Valley was held on Sunday, June 26, 2022 after the worship service. Chair Don Hargrave opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and offered prayer. No additions to the agenda.

A Thanksgiving & Celebration video was shown - prepared by Lisa Clarke, sharing photos with music of all things Valley had done over the last year.

Don opened the floor to anyone wanting to share. Pastor Ken Clarke spoke to his health and gave thanks to Valley for their support as did many other members. Special thanks was extended to Darlene Lewthwaite for painting of some parts of the Church and to Janice Skoreyko for organizing "Gospel Pickin's" to draw new people to Valley. Many thanks to all those who help was also expressed.

Quorum was assembled, the meeting proceeded.

The minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting were moved for adoption by Donna Kelso, seconded by Trudy Demorest. Carried.

The minutes of February Budget Meeting were moved for adoption by John Kobylnik, Donna Kelso seconded. Carried.

### **New Business:**

Notice of Motion - The Leadership Team proposes a motion to amend our current Purpose statement for Valley to read: Our Vision for Valley:

"To be a church where you can connect with Jesus and be a part of a caring and serving community" Shelly Middleton moved to adopt the notice of motion, Fiona Wood seconded. Carried.

Acceptance of Annual Reports - John Kobylnik moved to adopt, Shirley Van Vianen, seconded. Carried.

Affirmation of Leadership Team - Decons - current team have let their names stand for second term. Trevor Caldecott has completed his term and steps off.

New Decons: Carol Dugalo and Shirley Van Vianen were affirmed by Velma Dikur, Shannon Ashe seconded. Carried.

Don Hargrave begins his Sabbatical from attending the Leadership Team, and carries on his Elder duties. Elder John Unger returns from Sabbatical.

Affirmation of Treasurer - Edna Barisoff - all in favour. Carried.

Affirmation of Church Secretary - Lia Pinske - all in favour. Carried.

No other business - Shirley Van Vianen adjourned the meeting, seconded Winn Smith at 11:05 a.m. Carried.

## BUDGET REPORT February 2023

Call to order: Sunday February 12, 2023 at 11:10 AM

John Unger called the meeting to order.

Edna Barisoff gave report: (copy included)

- Thanked congregation for staying after service to review 2023 budget report.
- Committee – Katie Unger, Diana Vanderbilt, Lia Pinske and Edna Barisoff.
- Liaison member from Leadership team is Shirley Van Vianen.
- Copy of Budget 2023 distributed.
  
- **Revenue projection:** Anticipated offerings for 2023 - \$119,000.00, other income - \$17,425.00. Bank balance as of Dec. 31 - \$29,375.49. **Total Revenue Projection- \$164,800.49.** Note transfer of \$8,000.00 from building fund, to cover cost of new air conditioner, already installed.
  
- **Expense Projections:**
- Finance and Operational costs are our largest expense. Includes payroll, utilities, office, national dues, conferences fees, professional development, insurance, WorkSafeBC, security and annual report fees. Have budgeted for possible new photo copier. Cancelled contract with Ricoh, so will use until fixing is not an option. Budgeted \$1,500.00 for new copier. Total expense projections for Finance and Operational costs - \$110,406.00.
- Building and Grounds expense projections are \$17,200.00. Includes maintenance costs, Rose Garden, janitorial services, and Church supplies. Proposed capital cost of \$3000, upgrade driveway for past two years, carried over to this year. Thanked John, Don, Scott, Bob and Darlene and Larry, for keeping Church in good condition.
- Missions budget - \$17,130.00. Total support of mission partners- \$16,380.00. Listed mission partners. \$600.00 – set aside for mission seed projects. Mission team will discuss projects for this year. Had two projects in 2022.
- Care and Connecting budget is \$4,550.00. Have enjoyed meeting together again, at Church, bible studies and luncheons. Thanked Trudy and Shannon for doing delicious lunches, and Trudy for years of service. Shannon's new team members- Myrna, Anita and Carol. Benevolent Fund – Sandra and Trevor - \$1,860, total - \$4,735.00. Thanked Lia for heading up card ministry. Thanks to those who supported Acts of Kindness cookie plates. Also, Chaplain Janet for giving spiritual and emotional care to individuals in hospital and care homes.
- Christian Education budget - \$525.00 for Daily Bread devotional, books for library and materials required for bible study and Sunday school. Thanked Fiona for her support in library.

- Worship budget - \$3,700.00. Covers pulpit, honorariums, copyright, Song Select and any material required for worship. Thanked Dave Kelly for filling in, in Pastor Ken's absence. Valley has granted Pastor Ken a full medical leave. Thanked all who step in to help with worship service.
- **Total projected expenses for 2023 – \$153,511.00.**

Edna made a motion to accept as presented.

Fiona seconded the motion, voted, and accepted.

Adjourned by John at 11:30 AM and closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dugalo for Church Secretary - Lia Pinske



## Leadership Team Report

The life of a spiritual leader comes with the realization that the eyes of the Lord are not the only eyes watching our behavior. God calls us to be an example before Him *and before others*; this is one of our responsibilities as leaders. The first step toward becoming an exemplary leader is to love God, be His son or daughter, and draw near to Him – but that is not the only step. As leaders, we also need to grow in the mind of Christ, which allows us to grow as genuine representatives of Christ. The greatest asset of the leader who points to Christ is being a true example of Christ who leads as a submitted servant. (1Peter 5:3-5 – 1 Timothy 3:1-13)

Our fiscal year has had some challenges and some losses but mostly blessings. Valley is family and we have been there for one another because of our bond to Jesus and to each other, this is why we call our Annual General Meeting a celebration.

Because we are a Congregational Church operated by the members of our local congregation, it is necessary to meet and approve decisions that will guide us for the upcoming year. We need information and participation to help assist us on the right trajectory for another year of doing life in the Lord's service and for His Church. I trust that you will make time to participate in organizing and helping to support our church family. If you are an adhering participant in our church family and interested in becoming a recognized and documented member, please talk to a member of our Leadership Team.

It has been my pleasure to work with our Leadership Team, our two newest Deacons nominated at last Annual meeting have stepped in graciously with a commitment to serve Valley. Our team remains small as it has the last few years but consistently working well together. As we approach our Annual Meeting and the coming year, we very much need at least two new members to conform to our constitution.

Please give it some thought if you are a member. There is a nomination committee looking to propose members names to the Annual meeting. Our present Leadership Team is comprised of appointed Elders in care of spiritual matters in our church and elected Deacons in care of the business and social matters in our church. The Elders are currently Pastor Ken Clarke, John Unger, Edna Barisoff and Don Hargrave. The Deacons are currently Lia Pinske, Scot Hutchison, Shirley Van Vianen, Carol Dugalo and Janet Armstrong. These two groups of leaders continue to function efficiently together as our Leadership Team addresses matters concerning the operation of our church.

Though the past few years including this year, have held challenges for our congregation and for our Pastor as well; his leadership, and our Elders leadership have helped us navigate the continual peaks and valleys we face as a congregation and family.

As we begin a new church year at Valley, let us remember "I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. (John 14:27 NLT)

*Janet Armstrong, for the Leadership Team*

## Pastor's Report

**Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.  
One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.  
They tell of the power of your awesome works.  
They celebrate your abundant goodness.**

Psalm 145:3-4,6-7

Annually at Valley, we choose to gather to share a meal together, to carry out the business of the church and to celebrate God's goodness to us. Yes, the laws of the land require us, as an incorporated body, to conduct an Annual General Meeting, but as a local church this is primarily a time to recognize God's blessing and favor, which He has poured out in abundance.

We celebrate and give thanks for His provision and protection, recognizing, **Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good** (Psalm 127:1 – NLT). Valley stands firm, because God intends for His church, this church, to be a light in our world today. The One who has called us into existence as a local church is faithful and therefore, we can trust Him to continue to guide and direct, to provide and protect.

We celebrate and give thanks for He has watched over us. He has been responsive to the prayers of His people. He is the God who sees and cares, who says to us, **Call to me and I will answer you** (Jeremiah 33:3). As we reflect on the past year, God has indeed been true to His word, surprising us with His grace and kindness, giving comfort and courage, hope and joy.

God's faithful love has been on display in and through the lives of the people of Valley, who are His instruments of blessing. In this, we celebrate the gift of one another. How blessed we are to worship together, serve together and to do life together as the family of God at Valley.

For me, as your pastor, it is truly a source of great encouragement to share this journey with you, our friends. I offer to you again, the words of Peter, **love one another deeply, from the heart** (1 Peter 1:22). We don't always get it right, for we are an imperfect church, led by an imperfect pastor and made up of imperfect people, but I'll say it again friends, *what we have is good; it's very good!*

Thank you for your faithfulness, for showing up, for serving whole-heartedly, giving generously and for the prayers and support you give one another. Over this past year, Janice and I have experienced your love and encouragement. Thank you for your continued grace, understanding and kindness as we have navigated a challenging road, particularly related to the health issues I have faced. I am grateful for those who have stepped up to fill the gaps. I wish to especially thank our Elders and Leadership Team and acknowledge the 'above and beyond' work of Janet Armstrong. Thank you for blessing me, for sharing my burden and easing my load.

As we pause and celebrate where we have been and recognize the blessings and joy we have shared together, we also look ahead, and as we do, may we continue to **encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing** (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

*Ken Clarke*

## Chaplain's Report

Then those 'sheep' are going to say, 'Master, what are you talking about?  
When did we ever see You hungry and feed You, thirsty and give You a drink?  
And when did we ever see You sick or in prison and come to You?  
Then the Lord will say: Whenever you did one of these things  
to someone overlooked or ignored, that was Me - you did it to Me.

Matthew 25:37-40 – The Message

What is a Chaplain?

A Chaplain provides religious service and support to people who are homeless, poor, and needy, the youths hospitalized, persons in and out of prison, sick, elderly, in long term care and funeral arrangements. They help in hospices, counselling centers, missions, community street evangelism and workplaces.

The privilege of being a Chaplain allows me to serve the community in which I live and within the Church I hold close to my heart.

Regular weekly visits to South Okanagan General Hospital on Mondays, McKinney Place on Tuesdays, and Sunny Bank on Thursdays, fulfills the call God placed in my heart. Every day I thank our Father for the opportunities and resources He has placed on my path as I follow Him.

The first Sunday of each month Janice Skoreyko and I do a short service at McKinney place, representing Valley Congregational Christian Church. It is well received by those who attend. Janice sings hymns and chorus' and I read Bible Stories and pray for our friends at McKinney. I continue to partake of training to assist in my community.

Respectfully,  
Janet Armstrong

# **Finance and Property**

## Finance Report

On behalf of the entire congregation, we on the finance committee would like to sincerely thank you for your generous support to Valley 4 C's. We are so blessed to have your support.

Your donations to Valley throughout 2022 are very gratefully acknowledged. Your generosity through your contributions has allowed us to support the work of Jesus Christ locally, regionally, and around the world through our Mission Grants, Community Outreach, Benevolent Gifts, Seed Projects. We are extremely grateful for all donations received for these projects.

Through your donations our vision for Valley continues to be met. To be a people and place where you can connect with Jesus and be part of a caring, serving community.

**Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

2 Corinthians 9:7

*Edna Barisoff*

*On behalf of the Finance Committee*

## Rose Garden

**He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Psalm 23:2-3

The Rose Garden is a wonderful place to have your soul restored. It is quiet and peaceful. A great place to admire God's work, pray for loved ones and to sit and meditate on God's word.

We do our best to keep the garden looking nice. Thank you to the maintenance and building crew who check and fix the irrigation. Have you noticed the new fence? Doesn't it look great!

The roses made it through the winter. At first, we weren't too sure but with the warm weather they have come up beautifully.

Thank you to those who help by weeding, pruning, and deadheading. You know who you are, and we appreciate all that you do. Also thank you to the clean-up crew who did some fantastic raking throughout the Rose Garden this spring.

*Edna Barisoff*

## **Valley Congregational Christian Church in Canada**

### **Auditor's Report**

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in material aspects, the financial position of the VALLEY CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH as of December 31, 2022, and its operations for year ended December 31, 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

T E Caldecott

May 31, 2023,

Osoyoos, B.C.

# Missions

## Missions Report

Some of the last words that Jesus left with his disciples were for them to go into all the world with the good news of the Gospel. This is recorded for us, as is the rest of Scripture, for us as an example to follow. At Valley we follow the command for several reasons but two are main and compelling. First these are Christ's words for us, and because of our love for him, we choose to follow and the other, more personal, is the impact and change the Gospel contributed to our lives.... I venture to suggest that nothing brings more to our lives than the Good News of Jesus Christ. Should it not be a priority for us to share? Take a moment to ponder this thought.

At Valley we focus mainly on our thirteen partners. Our endeavor is to communicate our encouragement and provide support to all of them, but we must note that not all receive regular and monthly remuneration. We include all of them in various forms of assistance, as needs arise, where we can have a meaningful role in helping. Through the year we have had some local initiatives and wish to see how we can develop these aspects of ministry more effectively.

Our "seed" projects have been very well accepted, gratefully received and have helped to further or complete some specific venture. Our plan overall is to continue with this initiative.

This year we have tried to build better communication with our partners and have gone to focusing on one partner each month. Comments from our Congregation is that we are getting to know our missionaries and better understand their work and situations. Our missionaries' comment on the added encouragement, our prayers, and other forms of support. One aspect of further improving communication would be for us as individuals to interact with them. Some of this is happening and is helped by the list of our missionaries' emails in our directory.

All of this could and would not happen if the Congregations heart was not in this. Praise God for the generosity you have towards Missions. We are able to echo the words in Jeremiah;

"Give thanks to the Lord Almighty.

for the Lord is good; his love endures forever."

Thank you for allowing me to share and serve in this capacity and I do thank Diena, Donna, and Pastor Ken for being a part of the Missions Team.

Respectfully submitted, John on behalf of the Missions Team



## Missions Partners – 2023

James Perreaux BC Campus Ministries	\$2,400
David & Neva Duncan OneBook – Global PartnerLink	\$3,500
Mike & Kathleen Matthews InterAct Ministries – Worldview Resources Group (WRG)	\$2,500
Asher & Suzanne Motola YWAM Chico, CA	\$2,600
Don & Lorraine Richmond Hockey Ministries International	\$2,880
Okanagan Gleaners	\$1,000
Spiritual Rock Congregational Christian Church (Zita MacCallum)	<u>\$1,500</u>
	<b>\$16,380</b>

Along with those we financially support, we have also partnered through prayer and special projects with the following:

Guret  
Into All the World

Ken and Nancy  
New Initiatives in North Africa

Graydon and Sarah  
East African River Mission

Paul and Cathy Unger  
Wycliffe – Solomon Island Translation Advisory Group

Marlene von Tonder  
AIM

# **Caring and Connecting**

## Caring and Connecting Report

Bulletin mail outs - Bulletins are mailed to out-of-town people or shut-ins once a month, on a rotating basis, to provide congregational information to members by Carol Dugalo. Usually, 7 or 8 are sent out each month. From June 1, 2022, to May 31, 2023, 96 have been sent. From June/22 to Dec/22, the stamps/envelopes for these mailings were donated by Carol. From Jan/23 to May/23, \$46.00 was spent and the invoice was submitted to the Church.

Caring Card mail outs - Lia Pinske continues to send out cards to members that live out-of-town or are shut-in for all Special holidays. She also sends out cards to people that need extra prayers or encouragement. Please continue to notify Lia of any members that could benefit from these cards. Donations of any stickers or seals for the envelopes would be appreciated, because it makes the cards look cheerier. The stamps and some cards are purchased by the Church, but Lia gets most cards from the Christian Book Club.

Lia also reaches out to our Mission partners by mail or email on a regular basis.

TLC group - This continues to be a group of approximately 7 people that Karen Macor chats with every evening at 7 pm. Her group has completed the chronological readings of the Bible. The TLC group consists of people that are connected with our Church, but don't always come to services.

There continues to be an offshoot from this group and others in the Church that connects with prayers and postings daily on Facebook called 'Good morning and Good news'. If you are interested in joining this site, please contact Karen, because it is a private only group where members are accepted by invitation only. The site serves as an outreach effort as there are members of the site that are not connected to Valley but share our love for Jesus. It proves to be a safe place of caring and encouragement.

Men's Ministry - Prov 27:17 - As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

The Men's ministry is led by Trevor Caldecott. Breakfasts are generally held monthly at the church. During 2020 and 2021 only a few were held due to COVID but have since resumed. The only meeting in 2021, was in November and was attended by 8 men who shared an extremely lively discussion on 'Who is the invisible enemy?'

Many thanks to those that donated eggs, bacon, sausages, fruit salad, orange juice and bread. Trevor is grateful, as there is never a lack of contributors, or volunteers that prepare the breakfast and do clean up, making his job as the organizer so much easier. The men always share a good fellowship and storytelling in the kitchen too.

Please contact Trevor if you would like to attend any of these breakfasts and he will gladly add you to his list! There is always much food to enjoy and copious amounts of coffee to go along with the discussions.

## Women's ministry

Shirley Van Vianen has been leading the Women's luncheon gatherings. A little survey was taken regarding what day of the week and what type of gatherings were desired. The response was wonderful and led to Shirley being able to plan and organize luncheon dates up to the end of this year. As well as meeting about once per month at a restaurant, alternating between Oliver and Osoyoos, there was one bagged lunch held at the church in April 2023. The gatherings at the restaurants are very well attended for the joy of being together and sharing a meal. The bagged lunch held on April 5, 2023, was very well attended and some Ladies brought a friend along. The topic, 'what gets you going on your darkest days?', stimulated a great amount of personal sharing and discussion that is not always easy to have in a restaurant. A second bagged lunch is planned for September. Monthly restaurant luncheons will continue through the summer.

## Coffee Fellowship

Carol Dugalo has been getting our after-service coffee and snacks organized every week. As reported to Church members, the change in our local grocery stores has also changed or will be changing from being able to turn in our grocery till receipts to a point system where points can be exchanged for a gift card. Currently, only the two stores in Osoyoos are taking the till receipts but will be changing at some point in the future. Gift cards purchase the coffee, tea, cream, and sugar that we use. As well the cleaning supplies and luncheon supplies needed, such as napkins and paper plates, are paid for by these gift cards. Carol is thankful to her helpers, particularly Janet, Roberta and Don, who help with setting up and cleaning up each week. Thank you to all who bring in baked goods and other donations as well.

## Church Luncheons

Shannon Ashe has been heading up the approximately monthly post service luncheons since January. Trudy Demorest stepped down from working with Shannon in December. Shannon is thankful for her team that has been working with her to continue bringing us these wonderful meals. The donations given are gratefully accepted to help offset the cost to the Church for the groceries. There will be no lunches over the summer but will resume in September.

Many thanks to all those named above and to all others that work behind the scenes to make Valley the loving and caring Church that we are!

Submitted by Shirley Van Vianen, Liaison

# **Christian Education**

## **Christian Education**

We have been continuing with two small groups meeting on a weekly basis.

The first small group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We have been meeting at John and Katie Unger's since September. Led by Pastor Ken. There are approximately eight to twelve in attendance on a regular basis. We are currently on summer break and will resume in September. Thank you to John and Katie for hosting our meetings and an end of year BBQ at their home in May.

### **Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. *Psalm 119:105***

The second small group is the TLC group. They have just finished an online study of the Chronological Bible. They now continue with daily readings, postings, and discussion. This group is led by Karen Macor. Please feel free to contact Karen if you are interested.

Prayer Gatherings are available every Sunday at 9:15 in the Quiet Room. Anyone who has a special prayer request is invited to attend. If you have a prayer request, you may also meet with one of the elders. Don Hargrave, John Unger, Edna Barisoff. Chaplain Janet Armstrong is also available for prayer. You may also use the Prayer Board in the quiet room, the Prayer card (available at the back of the church), or online form to share/update a prayer request.

We do not provide a children's Ministry currently because we do not have children in the congregation who could attend.

Our Library remains well stocked with reading material. Feel free to browse and be blessed by a good Christian book. We have reference books, non-fiction, and fiction available. Thank you to Fiona Wood for looking after the library.

**"Down through the years, I turned to the Bible and found in it all that I needed."**

**Ruth Bell Graham**

*Edna Barisoff*

# Worship

## **Worship Report**

We have been very blessed with a wonderful worship team this past year! So blessed to have Katie, Dorothy & Shannon to play for us. Each brings their own unique style to the piano. So very thankful that they can share their talent with us. Edna, Anita & Shelley are in the technical side of things keeping the sound levels. So appreciative of these ladies and when they have a problem, they ask John who is very willing to help them. Thank you! On power point, we have Donna, Joanne and myself. Thank you, Joanne, for coming onboard to help us. You and Donna are both a blessing to me! For vocals, we have Trudy, Fiona, Donna, Shirley, Nola, Donna, Janice S., John and myself. So thankful for these members who lend their voices to enhance our worship. We don't always get it right, but we love to praise or Lord with our voices. Our camera is manned by John and when he is away, Janet A. takes over. This season, we have a new member step on board to help! Welcome June! I would also like to thank June for preparing our point for us every week. We so appreciate your willingness, especially if changes must be made several times during the week!! Then of course we have Pastor Ken who can help any of us when we have a problem! Thank you to everyone who makes my job easier!!

We have continued to use our single portion communion cups for sanitary reasons. We order them in bulk which makes them very affordable.

We continue to serve at Heritage House, the second Thursday of each month. Pastor Ken draws up a short worship service, and if he is away, Janet does it. We sing a few hymns and there is a devotional. Melba McGeachy plays the piano for us, which we very much appreciate. There are around ten residents that attend every month. It is such a blessing to minister there.

Respectfully

Lia Pinske