

Finance Report to congregation – February 2020

At the end of January we had a surplus of \$12,000 of revenue over expenses. Major factors in this are: going with only one minister for three months, our Harvest supper, increased rental revenue and strong December offerings. In general our offering is not meeting budget. They have even declined. We need about \$7,500 surplus to cover loan reduction.

Some of our members are choosing to donate through gifts of securities. This can save them money on taxes – talk to anyone on the finance Committee if you want more information. In March we are implementing a different way of collecting offering. We will have a donation box near the door for your use and in the time that is normally taken by the collection process we will have short presentations on different ways that our church uses this money – a lot of times being presented by the people that benefit from this.

There is a paper bin in our parking lot for clean newspaper. We get a bit of revenue from this. We would appreciate any donations of your clean newspaper.

WE have changed the way that we buy the Safeway's /Sobey's Gift Cards that will earn us a higher commission and have the cards available every 2nd and 4th Sundays.

After many years of donating snow shoveling at the Harvest Supper auction Howard is resigning on advice from his doctor. This is an opportunity for any person or group of people that be interested – see Howard Johnson.

We would like to recognize the wonderful groups that are our Sunday school and our youth group. They give us hope in our future and enrich our congregation. Thanks to all who make this happen. We would also like to recognize the music in our church – Bell choirs, Margaret and the choir and Donna on piano and organ. We are held together by the work of our Council, Committees and Staff. Thanks all!

Ken Hutchinson – for the finance Committee