

## **News from your Sustainment Team**

**June 26, 2020**

As everyone is getting ready to enjoy the summer, we want to share some financial information with you.

George has secured funding through the JCP program so you will see a lot of activity around the outside of our church. He has also applied for grants through the Heritage Society and the City of St. John's

The Sustainment team just received a copy of a Feasibility Study and Business Plan for the project, Elder Daycare. The students will be doing a presentation in the very near future with the Management Team and then we will be presenting to you early fall.

A member of our congregation found and referred to us details of a large accessibility grant (\$100,000). We are in the process of reviewing to see if we would qualify. As we move forward, accessibility is a priority that we need to consider. Qualifying for this grant would make things a whole lot easier.

We were able to take advantage of some of the Government subsidy, and we are now looking into assistance being offered by United Church of Canada.

For 2020, we budgeted \$90,000 for congregational support. That is approx. \$7500 per month. So as of May 31, 2020, our latest financial statements, our congregational support totaled \$16,716. That is \$20,784 below our projections for 2020. As a note of interest, last year at the same time, our congregational givings were \$35,213 which is only \$2,287 below our projections for 2020. I know many of you are finding it difficult to get your givings in. If that be the case, why not join up for PAR, automatic monthly deductions from your account. You can also drop your envelopes off at the church by placing them in the slot by the Buchanan St entrance. This is very secure, the box is metal and locked at all times. If you do on line banking, we are set up to accept e-transfers or you can donate right from our website. There are many ways that you can contribute. While other funds have helped to keep our revenue on par with last year, we do need your continued support.

Our expenses are certainly under control. As of May 31, 2019, our total expenses were \$119,978. As of May 31, 2020, our total expenses were \$115,291 and that includes \$10,000 that we have paid toward our furnace bill of \$24,000.00.

Many of our committee members are taking some deserving R & R time to get rejuvenated for the fall as it will be a time when a lot of exciting things will be happening, the first getting you back into the sanctuary and ensuring your safety.

Have a safe and happy summer. God Bless

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