



# Thankfulness

*Reverend Frances Savill*

"O God, I am thankful for a church congregation that cares, and the many people who want to grow as disciples of Jesus." These words were part of my prayer as 2021 began. The early part of the year saw us in further lockdowns and North Bay being "red" with a number of COVID-19 cases. And yet we had

learned how to provide pastoral care for each other, how to be the church and continue to grow in Christ, how to roll with the changes in the midst of COVID restrictions.

By the summer many people were vaccinated or double "vacc'd". Life was starting to get back to something closer to "normal." Vacation Bible School was a joy in the summer! Running Logos in the fall was one of the highlights for me, and having a Christmas play with our young people was AMAZING!!

2021 brought a lot of changes, and yet we experienced God's unfailing love and grace. Jennifer returned to school, and we welcomed Sharon into our Music Ministry. Julie moved west to be closer to family, and Cassie stepped into the position of Interim Office Administrator. Through the changes, the adjustments, through the sadness of good-byes and the gladness of new relationships, God has been providing, God has been equipping, God has been teaching us, as His beloved children. Being God's people, being part of the Body of Christ, is a great adventure, and an exciting challenge that calls us to grow and learn through all the days of our lives. I'm glad that we journey together! I give thanks for all of you, and I trust that God continues with us.



OUR FOYER IS A DOOR TO  
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CHURCH AND SO MUCH MORE.  
IT'S A DOOR TO WORSHIP,  
PRAY, REST, GET ASSISTANCE  
FOR THOSE IN DESPERATION,  
TO LEARN, TO GIVE ... WARMLY  
WELCOMING ALL WHO ENTER  
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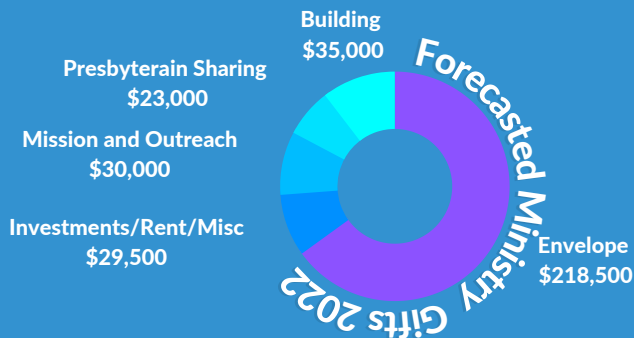
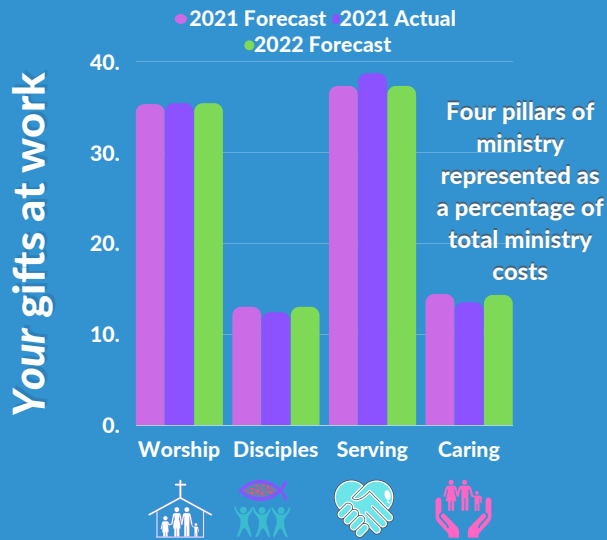
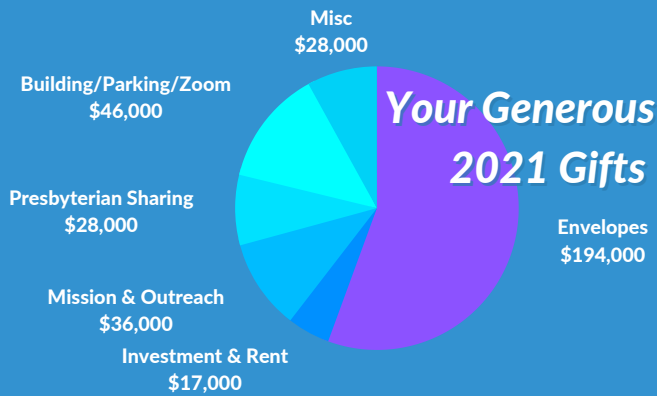
**FOYER MINISTRY** is God's call to help, listen and pray with all who enter His house.

S. came in one cold day, wet and chilled to the bone. It was just the two of us. I took his wet shoes and placed them on the heater and found some dry socks for him. His hands were cold and wrinkled from being so wet.

I gave him some food and a hot coffee and sat with him for a while. I encouraged him to stay as long as he needed. **Thank you God, that I was there.** I took time with him.

Many of these individuals, like S., are ignored and looked down upon. Christ worked through me. I am His agent. His Spirit lives in me and I work to honour Him every day. It's not about me. It's about loving your neighbour.

Julie Bass



It is in Christ we serve in every aspect of our life as a church.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to be stewards.

As God has blessed us with gifts, talents and treasures, we are called to appropriately and faithfully use them for Christ's mission in the world.

Stewardship is about lives in balance. It is about personal, familial, congregational and denominational lives that flow from what God is calling us to be, living out a Spirit empowered vision of what God's world could be.



*Sunday's at 10:30*

## WE ARE A PEOPLE

WHO WORSHIP TOGETHER

WHO GROW TOGETHER AS  
DISCIPLES OF JESUS

WHO SERVE TOGETHER

WHO CARE FOR EACH OTHER



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YEAR IN REVIEW  
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