

**Building on a firm foundation,**

# **Stamford Lane United Church**

**celebrates God's presence,  
follows Christ's teachings and reaches out to all people  
through  
sharing the Word, sacrament, fellowship, and music  
within  
a supportive, caring and accepting community.**

Rev. Harvey Tobey  
Sharon MacDonnell  
Marjorie Slinn  
Sara-Maida Nicol  
Linda Bruch  
Lucie McCarthy



## **2018 Annual Reports & Financial Statements**

### **Make Your Life A Song To God**

*By Leslie Maddalena & James Moffett for Marjorie Slinn*

**Make your life a song to God.  
A song of friendship and peace,  
Keep the song in your heart as we depart,  
Knowing we're all part of His masterpiece.**

**As we walk through life with those we love,  
Please guide us in all that we do,  
Give us the courage as you watch from above,  
To be humble, kind and true.**

**As we depart once more from your house of peace,  
Reaching out to old friends and new,  
We ask them to walk life's journey with us,  
Where God's love will always shine through.**

## **Agenda for Annual Meeting of Stamford Lane United**

### **February 3, 2019**

- \*... Welcome
- ... Opening Prayer
- \*... Declaration of the 2019 Annual Meeting open for all business in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Head of the Church.
- \*... Motion to extend voting privileges on temporal matters to adherents
- \*... Errors or omissions in minutes: Annual Congregational Meeting Feb.4/18.... Pages 6-9
- \*... Motion to accept minutes:
- ... In Memory: page 10
- \*... Reports..... Questions pages 1, 10-28
- \*... Motion to accept all reports
- \*... Motion to accept Stamford Lane United Financial Reports 2018..Questions pages 29-31
- \*... Motion to accept Budget 2019.....Questions page 32
- \*... Motion to set Mission and Service objective 2019..... Questions page 32
- \*... Recognition of Elders pages 3, 5
- ... A word about process - call three times
- ... Nomination of Elders Read list: Page 5, Call for nominations
- ... Motion to elect Elders for Stamford Lane United Church
- ... Welcome of New Elders
- \*... Nominations and Elections of: Chairperson:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Treasurer of Church Givings:  
Vice-Chair:  
Trustees:
- \*... Nomination and Election of Region 9: Delegate:  
Delegate:  
Delegate:  
Alternate:  
Cave Springs:  
Extension Council
- \*... New Business:
- ... Benediction
- \*... Adjournment

Date of next Church Council Meeting: Wednesday, February 6, 2019  
Committees 7:00pm  
Church Council 7:45pm

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## **Minister's Message:**

### **Stamford Lane United Church has a theme song!**

*"Make Your Life a Song to God"* was written by Leslie Maddalena and set to music by another former Harmony singer, James Moffett. It was presented to Marjorie Slinn at the first service of 2019, marking her official retirement as Director of Music. The devotion of such staff and volunteers, making their lives a song to God, is how this church continues to thrive in such changing times.

The church has transitioned through major changes nationally, forming regions of governance through which this community of faith continues to serve as part of the United Church of Canada since 1925. Stamford Lane United is as old as the United Church itself, so I am sure we are all feeling the refreshing breezes that continue to stir us as volunteers and staff. The blessing is that people are stepping up with a desire to serve as a church with the same caring spirit as always, but in ways that are new, innovative and relevant for today.

This year we welcomed Sara Maida-Nicol as Choir Director and Linda Bruch as Music Accompanist. Both bring incredible talents that motivate all ages. Fred Ellarby guides the Praise Team in practice Monday nights now, while Leslie and Michael Maddalena continue as a regular part of the special music offerings here. The Junior and Teen Choirs are growing and sound amazing. The Bell Choir has also been blessed by Sharon McDonnell and Laura Sparkman who stepped up in leadership. The Church continues to sing through the changes of the seasons here, where we give thanks for so many devoted friends that have come and so many that have gone.

Willo Morningstar was given a stained glass cross, made from the old windows of this church, acknowledging a lifetime of service. Ray Marshall and Leslie Maddalena will work together with the Finance Committee, in that spirit of volunteer service, keeping track of the givings and expenses of this Church. We are also so thankful for people like Reverend Cathie Ellarby who continues to take on leadership in Sunday School with Paisley Janvary-Pool; Afshin Malekzadeh took on the leadership of another successful turkey dinner; Pauline Anderson and Anne Arnott organized a whole crew of people to sell your junk for mission work; Gail Goar is helping to organize receptions with Penny Soulsby along with the guidance of Diane Becken and the whole In-Touch Team. Penny also leads the sewers with Carole Jarvis enabling the creation of costumes for events here and so many blessings around the world.

Savannah Zavitz and Bryanna Johnson are such dedicated young volunteers. We were so happy to be able to create summer jobs for both of them in 2018 with a grant from the United Church and youth funds from the Lundy's Lane Fisher Fund. Bryanna continues to volunteer her time with the Projection Team that needs more volunteers. Savannah runs our Nursery and welcomes your help as there are lots of little ones around.

The Sound Team could use some help as Bob Jamieson is not able to organize this or the Library like he has done with Bev for so many years. Thank you to Donna and Bob Rouble as well as Norma Irani who volunteer to make books available to inspire you each week. We hope you continue to find ways to be inspired in worship and service. There is a whole lot of love that is shared here, encouraged by the enthusiasm of our chairperson Paisley Janvary-Pool and a very capable Church Council. Kristyn Schram continues to provide yoga during the week and Gail Goar leads walking on Mondays and Thursdays. Paul Fast, Glad Klassen, Cathie Ellarby are regularly part of the worship leadership that is so open and accepting here. Sharon MacDonnell and Lucie McCarthy and I serve as long-time staff because we know we are appreciated here. We hope you feel the same. Thank you for giving of yourself in ways that care for the people around you. Every card and visit, every song and prayer, every meal and mitten, enables each of us to know that being part of a church is truly about making your whole life a song to God.

Prayers and Blessings

## 2018 Church Directory

Official Board Chairperson	Paisley January-Pool
Official Board Secretary	Sharon MacDonnell
Minister	Rev. Harvey Tobey
Director of Music	Marjorie Slinn
Director of Music	Sara Maida-Nicol (Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Music Accompanist	Linda Bruch (Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> )
Church Custodian	Lucie McCarthy
Church Secretary	Sharon MacDonnell
Treasurer of Church Books	Ray Marshall
Treasurer of Church Givings	Willo Morningstar
Women's Groups: Joy Unit	Cathy Purdy
Good News Unit	Jane Shores
Sunday School Superintendent	Paisley January-Pool
Sunday School Assistant	Cathie Ellarby
Explorer Leader	Paisley January-Pool
Youth Choir Director	Marjorie Slinn
Youth Choir Assistant	Sara Maida-Nicol
Youth Bell Ringers	Marjorie Slinn
Chancel Choir	Marjorie Slinn/Sara Maida-Nicol
Praise Team	Fred Ellarby
Tri-M Presidents	Vivian Lapp & Marjorie Slinn
Men's Group	Afshin Malekzadeh

## 2018 Stamford Lane United Church Statistics

Membership Roll as of December 31, 2017	322
Received by Profession of Faith & Transfers	18
Removed by Death	16
Removed by Council	0
Transferred out by Request	<u>12</u>

**Membership Roll as of December 31, 2018**      **312**

Families under Stamford Lane United Pastoral Charge ... **265**

Families who have contributed regularly to the operation of Stamford Lane United ... **192**

Families who support the Mission & Service of the United Church ... **90**

Average weekly attendance based on the months of October/November 2018 ... **147**

## **Stamford Lane Council 2018**

Minister:	Rev. Harvey Tobey
Chair:	Paisley Janvary-Pool
Vice-Chair:	Dan Taylor
Treasurer of Church Books:	Ray Marshall
Treasurer of Church Givings:	Willo Morningstar
Council Secretary:	*Sharon MacDonnell

ANDERSON, Bryce  
ANDERSON, Pauline (Jan-Sept)  
ARNOTT, Anne  
BEAL, Cris  
BETHUNE, George  
BILLINGSLEY, Pat  
COKER, Janet  
COLE, Barbara  
COWAN, Sandra  
DEMPSEY, Mary  
FERLAND, Reg (Jan.-Sept.)  
GOAR, Gail  
HACKETT, Jacki  
HARRIS, Janet  
HARRISON, Mary Ann  
JAMIESON, Bob  
JANVARY-POOL, Paisley, Chair

LENNOX, Marion  
MacDONNELL, Dan  
MacDONNELL, Mary  
MacKENZIE, Joan  
MADDALENA, Leslie  
MAIDA-NICOL, Sara  
MARSHALL, Ray  
MONTEITH, Carolyn  
MONTEITH, Dan  
MORNINGSTAR, Willo  
PACKHAM, Vera  
PATTERSON, Paul  
SCHMAGALA, Mary  
TAYLOR, Dan  
WALKER, Donna  
ZAVITZ, Tim

## **Stamford Lane Trustees**

ANDERSON, Bryce  
ARNOTT, Anne  
BECKEN, Wayne (Jan-Nov)  
BETHUNE, George  
CATTANACH, Bob  
DEMPSEY, Mary  
GILMORE, Dennis (Chairperson)  
JANVARY-POOL, Paisley

LAUDER, Marion  
LENNOX, Marion  
MACKENZIE, Joan  
MORNINGSTAR, Larry (Jan-Dec)  
PATTERSON, Paul  
WEST, Maureen (Jan-April)  
ZAVITZ, Gerald (Tim)

### **Presbytery Representatives:**

**Delegate:** Mary Ann Harrison  
**Delegate:** Lynn Marshall  
**Delegate:** Ray Marshall  
**Alternate:** Margaret Loney  
**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Ellarby  
Rev. Harvey Tobey

### **Extension Council:**

Reg Ferland – Board  
Tim Zavitz – Representative

### **Cave Springs Camp Representatives:**

Paisley Janvary-Pool

## COMMITTEES

\* committee member only

### **Christian Education**

Chair: Sandra Cowan  
Bob Jamieson  
Paisley Janvary-Pool (Sunday School)  
Mary MacDonnell  
Mary Schmagala  
\*Rev. Cathie Ellarby

### **Finance**

Chair: Tim Zavitz  
Ray Marshall – Treasurer  
Bryce Anderson  
Willo Morningstar - Money Treasurer  
Reg Ferland (Jan-Sept)  
Leslie Maddalena  
Anne Arnott  
Marion Lennox

### **Mission and Outreach**

Co-Chair: Gail Goar  
Co-Chair: Mary Ann Harrison  
Pauline Anderson (Jan-Sept)  
Mary Dempsey  
Jacki Hackett  
Carolyn Monteith  
Vera Packham  
\*Darlene Foster  
\*Will Foster  
\*Pam Gilmore  
\*Brenda Skinner

### **Ministry and Personnel**

Chair: Paisley Janvary-Pool  
Anne Arnott  
Barbara Cole  
Mary Ann Harrison  
Dan Taylor

### **Property**

Chair: Dan MacDonnell  
Cris Beal  
George Bethune  
Joan MacKenzie  
Dan Monteith  
Paul Patterson  
Dan Taylor  
\*Ed Breski (Jan-May)  
\*Richard Lambert

### **Worship/Congregational Concerns**

Chair: Barbara Cole  
Pat Billingsley (Jan-Dec)  
Janet Harris  
Marion Lennox  
Donna Walker  
\*Joanne Fast  
\*Paul Fast

### **Audio/Visual Committee**

Chair: Bob Jamieson  
Bryce Anderson  
Dan MacDonnell  
\*Ed Breski (Jan-May)  
\*Paul Fast  
\*Will Foster  
\*Bryanna Johnson  
\*Glad Klassen  
\*Richard Lambert

### **In-Touch Committee**

Chair: \*Diane Becken  
Co-Chair: Ray Marshall  
Pat Billingsley (Jan-Dec)  
Barbara Cole  
Gail Goar  
Janet Harris  
Mary Ann Harrison  
Paisley Janvary-Pool  
Lynn Marshall  
Donna Walker  
\*Barbara Arseneau  
\*Joanne Fast  
\*Pam Gilmore  
\*Cathie Ellarby  
\*Jane Shores  
\*April Zavitz

### **Rental Committee**

Chair: Paisley Janvary-Pool  
Barbara Cole  
Ray Marshall

- The Council Chairperson is an ex-officio member of all committees.

- The Minister is an ex-officio of all committees, except Ministry and Personnel.

## **Proposed Council 2019**

**Until February 2019:** Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Sandra Cowan, Mary Dempsey, Jacki Hackett, Bob Jamieson, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Vera Packham, Mary Schmagala, Tim Zavitz.

**Until February 2020:** Cris Beal, Barbara Cole, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Dan MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Carolyn Monteith, Paul Patterson, Dan Taylor.

**Until February 2021:**

George Bethune, Janet Coker, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Leslie Maddalena, Sara Maida-Nicol, Ray Marshall, Dan Monteith, Willo Morningstar, Donna Walker.

**Nominated until February 2020:**

**Nominated until February 2021:**

**Nominated until February 2022:** Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Sandra Cowan, Mary Dempsey, Ellie Gillespie, Evan Gillespie, Jacki Hackett, Bob Jamieson, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Afshin Malekzadeh, Vera Packham, Mary Schmagala and Tim Zavitz.

**Board of Trustees:**

Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, George Bethune, Bob Cattnach, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore (chairperson), Paisley Janvary-Pool, Marion Lauder, Marion Lennox, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

**Region 9 - Horseshoe Falls Regional Council**

**Representative:** Ray Marshall

**Representative:**

**Representative:**

**Alternates:**

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Rev. Harvey Tobey

**Extension Council:**

Tim Zavitz – Representative

**Cave Springs Camp Representatives:**

Paisley Janvary-Pool

Ellie Gillespie

Evan Gillespie

NB: Further nominations, corrections and changes may be made at the Annual Meeting.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
OF STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

2018-001

The annual congregational meeting of Stamford Lane United Church was held on Sunday, February 4, 2018 in the gymnasium. The meeting commenced after everyone enjoyed the free Mission Sunday pancakes & sausage lunch. Rev. Harvey Tobey and sixty-six individuals were in attendance.

Those present were: Bryce Anderson, Pauline Anderson, Barbara Arseneau, Diane Becken, Linda Boucher, Ed Breski, Ruth Buchanan, Nicole Carey, Janet Coker, Barbara Cole, Sandra Cowan, Doug Craig, Lorraine Davis, Mary Dempsey, Cathie Ellarby, Fred Ellarby, Bonnie Fletcher, Gail Goar, David Gorham, Jacki Hackett, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Ann Hick, Gord Hick, Joanne Hicks, Margaret Jackson, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Carole Jarvis, Janet Kaine, Lillian Lambert, Michael Lambert, Richard Lambert, Marion Lennox, Vivian Lapp, Margaret Loney, Dan MacDonnell, Mary MacDonnell, Sharon MacDonnell, Sara Maida-Nicol, Lynn Marshall, Ray Marshall, Donna Moffatt, Lou Moffatt, Larry Morningstar, Willo Morningstar, Vera Packham, Bev Patterson, Paul Patterson, Janet Pearson, Bill Pool, Cathy Purdy, Roger Purdy, Carol Sauder, Jim Sauder, Tracy Schroeder, Brenda Rae Skinner, June Slee, Penny Soulsby, Dan Taylor, Barbara Tobey, Donna Walker, Chris Watling, Harry Watling, Lynn Young, April Zavitz and Rob Zavitz.

The meeting opened at 11:48am. Rev. Tobey offered an opening prayer.

Chairperson, Dan Taylor declared the 2018 Annual Meeting open for all business in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord and Head of the Church.

**MOVED BY: Doug Craig**

**SECONDED BY: Bryce Anderson**

**MOTION #1: "That voting privileges on temporal matters be extended to adherents and that voting be done by show of hands."**

**CARRIED**

Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting (p. 6-9) held on February 5, 2017

**MOVED BY: Ed Breski**

**SECONDED BY: Mary Ann Harrison**

**MOTION #2: "That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held February 5, 2017 be accepted as printed."**

**CARRIED**

Rev. Tobey read the memorial list on page 10 of the Annual Report. We remember all of these individuals in our hearts and souls as significant members in our community and many as significant members of our church.

**Committee Reports:**

Dan Taylor opened the meeting up for questions and comments regarding the committee reports published in the Annual Report (p.1, 11-30).

The following committees added some comments:

Appreciation Garden: Nominations are open for this year. Applications are on the bulletin board in the gym or in the office. Closing date for nominations is March 31, 2018.

Audio/Visual: We are always looking for help with sound and projection. Let us know if you can help.

Turkey Dinner: Bruce Olsen is moving, so we need a volunteer to take over as Turkey Dinner Coordinator. If you are interested in taking over this position let us know soon. We need to decide if we are going to continue holding this traditional dinner this year. Rev. Tobey suggested, as an alternative to putting on the dinner, that we sell paper turkeys to "Save the Turkey" instead, as a fundraiser.

Women's Groups: Good News Unit: Our Annual Chili/Trivia Night is set for Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets go on sale next week.

Trustees Report:

Rev. Tobey read a motion prepared by Dennis Gilmore regarding creating a Legacy Gifts Fund to receive gifts from wills or gifts in kind like stocks or bonds.

**MOVED BY: Ray Marshall**

**SECONDED BY: Jacki Hackett**

**MOTION #3: "Be it resolved that Stamford Lane United Church approve and establish a new and separate fund to be known as the Planned Legacy Fund.**

- that the purpose of this Fund shall be to enhance the ministry and mission outreach of Stamford Lane United Church and The United Church of Canada;
- that the Trustees be the investment managers of the Fund and shall report annually to the congregation;
- that any amendment to this resolution that will change, alter, or amend the purpose for which the Program has been established, shall be done in accordance with the guidelines of governance this congregation uses to change or revise congregationally approved programs;
- that in the event that Stamford Lane United Church ceases to exist either through amalgamation or dissolution, the disposition or transfer of the Fund shall be transferred in accordance with the Manual of The United Church of Canada or its successor document."

**CARRIED**

Approval of the Committee Reports (p.1, 11-30) of Stamford Lane United Annual Report for 2017:

**MOVED BY: Fred Ellarby**

**SECONDED BY: Pauline Anderson**

**MOTION #4: "That the committee reports for 2017 on pages 1, 11-30 of the Annual Report be accepted with the following corrections:**

**Page 5: Dan Monteith should have been listed under "Nominated until February 2021"**

**Page 17: Spelling errors:**

**United Church Emergency Relief (Extreme Hunger)**

**Alzheimer's Society of Niagara**

**Powerhouse Project (Young Carers Initiative)**

**Caribbean Worker Outreach Program**

**Page 29: Investors Group column:**

**Interest 2017 should be \$30,917.51**

**Closing balance should be \$595,617.03"**

**CARRIED**

Financial Report 2017

Ray Marshall went over the financial statements and answered any questions.

**MOVED BY: Ray Marshall**

**SECONDED BY: Cathie Ellarby**

**MOTION #5: "That the financial reports for Stamford Lane United for 2017 on pages 31-33 of the Annual Report be accepted with the following corrections:**

**Page 31: Employee benefits % of Budget Spent: the reported figure of 99% should be 102%**

**Page 32: Total Expenses % of Budget Spent: the reported figure of 92% should be 94%**

**Page 33: The asterisks \*\* at end of Memorial Fund should be at end of Mission & Service. "**

**CARRIED**

Ray Marshall reported that we received a \$30,000.00 grant cheque from Niagara Presbytery Extension Council in January 2018 to offset the cost of the universal bathroom renovations.

Budget 2018

**MOVED BY: Ray Marshall**

**SECONDED BY: Doug Craig**

**MOTION #6: "That the proposed budget for 2018 on page 34 of the Annual Report be accepted as printed."**

**CARRIED**

Mission and Service Goal for 2018

**MOVED BY: Ray Marshall**

**SECONDED BY: Jacki Hackett**

**MOTION #7: "That we accept the goal of \$25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand dollars) for the Mission and Service Fund for 2018."**

**CARRIED**

Elders at the end of their term:

Barbara Cole presented the following list of members at the end of their term on the Church Council on February 4, 2018: George Bethune, Pat Billingsley, Evan Gillespie, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Leslie Maddalena, Ray Marshall, Dan Monteith, Willo Morningstar, Bruce Olsen, Donna Walker and Tim Zavitz.

Barbara Cole read the list of those not returning for another term: Evan Gillespie, Bruce Olsen.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Pauline Anderson**

**MOTION #8: "That we accept with regret and thanks, the resignation of Sue Foss as a Council Member and Trustee; Neil Foss as a Trustee; and Bruce Olsen as a Trustee."**

**CARRIED**

Rev. Tobey thanked those elders who are no longer planning to serve, for their time and effort.

Nominations for the 2018-2019 Church Council:

The following list of nominees was read by Barbara Cole:

**Nominated until February 2019:** Tim Zavitz

**Nominated until February 2021:** George Bethune, Pat Billingsley, Janet Coker, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Leslie Maddalena, Dan Monteith, Ray Marshall, Willo Morningstar and Donna Walker

Rev. Tobey took over as chair of the meeting.

Rev. Tobey explained the process for nominations. We call 3 times for nominations. If you are willing to nominate someone or are willing to volunteer, now is the time to speak up.

Sara Maida-Nicol volunteered to be on the Council until February 2021.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Donna Moffatt**

**MOTION #9: "That we approve the list of nominees as presented with the addition of Sara Maida-Nicol."**

**CARRIED**

Rev. Tobey thanked Dan Taylor for being the Council Chair for the past year.

Nominations for Chairperson of the Church Council:

Barbara Cole nominated Paisley Janvary-Pool as Council Chairperson.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Bryce Anderson**

**MOTION # 10: "That Paisley Janvary-Pool serve as chairperson of the Church Council."**

**ACCLAIMED**

Nominations for Vice-Chair:

Barbara Cole nominated Dan Taylor as Vice-Chair.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Willo Morningstar**

**MOTION #11: "That Dan Taylor serve as the Vice Chairperson."**

**ACCLAIMED**

Nominations for Treasurer of Church Books:

Barbara Cole nominated Ray Marshall as Treasurer of Church Books.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Dan Taylor**

**MOTION #12: "That Ray Marshall serve as Treasurer of the Church Books."**

**ACCLAIMED**

Nominations for Treasurer of Church Givings:

Barbara Cole nominated Willo Morningstar as Treasurer of Church Givings.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Pauline Anderson**

**MOTION #13: "That Willo Morningstar serve as Treasurer of Church Givings."**

**ACCLAIMED**

Nominations for Council Secretary:

Barbara Cole nominated Sharon MacDonnell as Council Secretary.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Ed Breski**

**MOTION #14: "That Sharon MacDonnell serve as Council Secretary."**

**ACCLAIMED**

Election of Presbytery and Conference Reps:

Rev. Tobey thanked Pat Billingsley for being a Presbytery Representative for many years.

Barbara Cole presented the following names as Presbytery, Conference and Cave Springs Camp Representatives.

**Presbytery Representatives:**

**Delegate:** Mary Ann Harrison

**Delegate:** Ray Marshall

**Alternate:** Margaret Loney

**Clergy:** Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Rev. Harvey Tobey

**Extension Council:**

Reg Ferland – Council

Tim Zavitz – Representative

**Cave Springs Camp Representatives:**

Paisley Janvary-Pool

Lynn Marshall volunteered to be a Presbytery Representative Delegate.

**MOVED BY: Barbara Cole**

**SECONDED BY: Diane Becken**

**MOTION #15: "That the above nominations for Presbytery, Conference and Cave Springs Camp Representatives be accepted as presented, with the addition of Lynn Marshall as a Presbytery Representative Delegate."**

**ACCLAIMED**

**Rev. Tobey** thanked Sharon MacDonnell, Lucie McCarthy, Marjorie Slinn, Willo Morningstar and Ray Marshall for all the time they give to their jobs.

New Business:

- Thank you gift/lowers were presented to Fred Ellarby, Margaret Loney and Sara Maida-Nicol for filling in during Marjorie's absence and to Rev. Cathie Ellarby for all she does while Harvey is away.
- Rev. Tobey and Barbara Tobey were presented with a gift of thanks from the congregation.
- Rev. Tobey's three month sabbatical begins this year.
- Thanked Bryce Anderson, Mary Dempsey, Gail Goar, Tim, Rob and April Zavitz for putting on the delicious pancake/sausage lunch today.
- Dan Taylor made his closing comments on being the chair for the past year.
- Paisley Janvary-Pool rallied for another great year here at Stamford Lane United.
- Next Council Meeting will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Committees: 7-7:45pm Council Meeting: 7:45pm.

Benediction: Rev. Tobey pronounced the Benediction.

Adjournment:

**MOVED BY: Ed Breski**

**MOTION: "That we adjourn."** Meeting adjourned at 1:13pm.

## In Memoriam

† Member

\* Officiated by Rev. Cathie Ellarby

Karla Jane Allen	January 7	Mary Lou Scarcello	June 22
Anne Biletschi	January 8	Audrey Catherine Potter	June 27
Wayne Robert Pretty	January 19	Adam Williamson Chalmers*	July 2
Dorothy Evelyn Cook	January 19	Anna Wolfe*	July 9
David Arthur Copeland	January 30	Beatrice Catherine Adam*	July 19
George Allison †	February 3	Annie Patricia (Pat) Miller †*	July 20
Stephen Frank Arthur Drobnich	February 8	Grant E. Maidens*	August 1
Lorraine Murray	February 25	Frederick James Gazley	September 2
Frances May Leeder †	February 27	Marilyn Diane McInnes †	September 5
Anna Catherine Scobie †	February 27	Michael Anthony Burley	September 7
Rodney Burton	March 22	Helen Zamkow*	October 5
Maureen Elizabeth West †	April 3	Charles Wayne Becken †	November 6
Wendy Diane Dixon	May 4	Patricia Lynne Billingsley †	December 5
Phyllis (Clarke) Counsell	May 4	Ann Sutton (Gilbert) Hick †	December 11
Edwin Ralph Breski †	May 21	Shirley Jean Shanks †	December 15
Peter Lynn Rylander †	June 1	Larry Morningstar †	December 15
Grace Kathryn Pellow †	June 9	Jean Elizabeth Clay-Pizzolato	December 16
Clair Earle Wallace †	June 12	James Wiseman Ratcliffe †	December 28

## Marriage Blessings

David William Boucher & Kayla Danielle Phillips	June 16
Kristopher Joseph Wilson & Lyndsay Margaret Hunter	June 23
Peter McConnell & Debra Stafford (Grobb)	August 18 – Officiated by Rev. Lorraine Davis
Clayton Murray McAllister & Jaclyn Christine Hunter	September 29

## Baptisms

May 13	<b>Hallie Anne Molnar</b> - Daughter of John-Paul Richard Molnar & Anne Vivian Tobey
May 27	<b>Addison Marie Beattie</b> - Daughter of Philip Alexander Beattie & Jennifer Lynn Janzen
	<b>Juliette Adrienne Frazao</b> - Daughter of Adrienne Helen Frazao & Susanna Eileen Rossi
	<b>Ruby Eileen Frazao</b> - Daughter of Adrienne Helen Frazao & Susanna Eileen Rossi
	<b>Liam Isaac Sharp</b> - Son of Bradley Roy Sharp & Pamela Leigh Fowler
	<b>Athena Emelie Cherney</b> - Daughter of Mackenzie Ryan Cherney & Alicia Marie Marazzo
Nov. 25	<b>Knox Benjamin Finlay</b> - Son of Nathan Daniel Alexander Finlay & Kendra Leanne Gayadeen
	<b>Nina Rae Fisher</b> - Daughter of Garrett Alexander Arthur Fisher & Shannon Kathleen MacDonnell

## Presbytery

Our United Church structure has changed to three courts as of January 1, 2019 so Presbytery has been eliminated. We are now a Community of Faith in Region 9 which recently has been named Horseshoe Falls Regional Council. There was a very meaningful Closing Service of Worship with the Celebration of Communion to mark an end and a beginning. I have been honoured to serve as one of the Presbyters for several years. As with any change, I will miss the people I have met and also seeing the other churches in the area. I enjoyed serving with Rev. Harvey, the late Pat Billingsley, Ray and Lynn Marshall and Margaret Loney (alternate). This is an exciting time for our United Church of Canada and there is an opportunity to be a part of the future planning so please consider taking part in this new Region.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ann Harrison

## **Message from The Chair of the Church Council**

It has been my honour to have been your Council Chair during 2018. The job of Chair is more than chairing eight regular meetings and one special meeting, there is the constant communication with staff to be on top of all needs and directions of our church. It is a position of trust that I hold dear. We all know Rev. Harvey goes beyond his job description, does it well and is easy to work with, as is all our staff.

It has been a busy year even with balancing of the budget. We spend more than we take in and we need to remedy this in 2019. Extra donations and bequests helped us this year, as well as a great fund raising year. A third of sabbatical is complete, we thanked Marjorie Slinn and Willo Morningstar on their retirement, we welcomed Sara Maida-Nicol and Linda Bruch to staff and we will remember all our members, family and friends who have passed on this year.

Please read these reports from cover to cover, everybody is here in some way. All the active committees have written a report and tell our story. We welcome any ideas or input from you, please let us know any suggestions you have for growth or fund raising too.

Many thanks,  
Paisley Janvary-Pool

## **Ministry and Personnel**

This committee is made up of volunteers from our Official Council Standing Committees. Mary Ann Harrison from Mission and Outreach, Dan Taylor from Property, Barbara Cole from Worship and Congregational Concerns, Anne Arnott from Finance, Treasurer Ray Marshall and I am from Christian Ed.

Rev. Harvey will begin his second year of his Sabbatical in 2019.

After many years of service Marjorie Slinn retired with our love and regrets on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Sara Maida-Nicol, Music Director and Linda Bruch, Music Accompanist were hired with pleasure on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

We meet as needed and it is a confidential committee of support for staff and congregation.

Submitted by  
Paisley Janvary-Pool

## **Christian Education and Development**

The Christian Education Committee supports children, youth and adult activities within the Church. We enjoyed a Congregational hot dog luncheon in May, with salads provided by the In-Touch Committee. In September we began Sunday School with a biblical congregational ice cream party. Children and members were invited to attend an ice cream stand of their choice, where the ingredients represented different stories of the bible, i.e., The Garden of Eden where an ice cream treat with a gummy snake provided a "souvenir" of the story, and a Noah's Ark treat complete with ice cream topped with animal crackers and rainbow ribbon candy. We had a visit from Santa Claus where all hopes and wishes could be shared following our Sunday School Christmas Pageant. We were happy to sponsor campers to Cave Springs Camp through our sponsorship program where we sponsor 1/3 of the camp registration fee. We are very thankful for Savannah Zavitz who volunteers in our Nursery each Sunday. If you are available to help, even for a Sunday or two, please contact the Church Office.

Sandra Cowan, Chair

## **Senior Sunday School**

This year we welcomed several new members with all of their enthusiasm from Mrs. January-Pool's class. We have been learning to make a new community ranging in age from 8 years old to 16 years old. We are learning about the Bible, our faith, and to care for each other and respect one another's gifts.

We enjoyed a movie night as we watched C.S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of Narnia," had fun at the "Biblical Ice Cream Parlour" and a few in-class parties and volunteered to serve at various congregational events throughout the year.

It was a new experience for us to be responsible for preparing a complete worship service for the congregation when Rev. Tobey was on sabbatical in October. With the story of Esther as our theme, we worked together on the entire Order of Service for October 21. We learned about leadership responsibilities in the church and the importance of working for the glory of God.

Our Christmas Pageant was another new experience as we worked in cooperation with the children and teen choirs to present "It's Christmas All Over the World." We are grateful to the congregation of Stamford Lane for your encouragement and love as we continue to learn and grow as disciples of Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Cathie Ellarby

## **Primary Sunday School**

January to May we continued our passport travel through the countries of Jesus. We went to Egypt and learned the 10 commandments at Mount Sinai. We celebrated Valentine's Day and Easter and visited Harran, Babylon, Mt. Zion and Damascus. We studied Paul and some of his adventures and the Sermon on the Mount. We had a camp picnic and finished our passport travel having learned much about Jesus' country. During the summer months we always have a Junior Congregation available as well as a Nursery Class all year with Savannah Zavitz.

The fall began with Sundae Sunday with a new twist on ice cream centres. Creation and how God made the world was our first study. We talked about Adam and Eve and Noah's ark and celebrated Thanksgiving, Halloween and All Saints Day. We began early to prepare for the Christmas pageant, "It's Christmas All Over the World", but also revisited all the Christmas stories and music. A very successful year was had even though our numbers are down. Thanks to Brenda Skinner and parents who helped all year. Paisley January-Pool

## **Bible Study**

You are invited to join Bible Study every, or any, Tuesday. We gather to share our stories and see how the scriptures speak to our experiences of life. This is a time of informal worship where 10-20 friends offer their prayers for the community and read the lessons for the week. It is a time of preparation for Sunday Service as well as an experience of just being in the moment. Some have come for years, and others show up when they can. Some read everything beforehand, others find out what we are reading when we get there. Every week is a different experience where you can talk or listen as much as you like. The sermon each week depends on how the Spirit moves from Tuesday night at 6:30 to Sunday Morning at 11:00. Bring your Bible and your friends.

## **Explorers**

Surprise! We expected no young people this year and lo and behold we have 10 regulars this fall and 3 high school students earning hours who came back in September. We continue to play in the gym, do a craft or cook, have a meeting and snack together. We are always open to new joiners and any age is welcome. Boys too. Thanks to Brenda Skinner, Ginny Paterson, Margo Mussari and the helpers.

Submitted by  
Paisley January-Pool

## **Worship and Congregational Concerns Committee**

The annual meeting was well attended. It was a meeting to let everyone know what was done last year. Food was abundant, shared and appreciated by all. New members, some of whom have previously not served, were elected to the church council.

The revised duties of greeters and ushers as well as signup sheets are posted in the gym, along with those of the independent coffee committee. The people who volunteer to do these services are greatly appreciated, but the need remains for volunteers to sign up on their own and not be recruited. This is an important service as it is the first opportunity for contact as people come to worship at Stamford Lane.

We shared Good Friday services with our friends from the Stamford community of faith at St. John's Anglican and Easter Sunrise service at Stamford Green.

Brian Packham, Glad Klassen, and Paul Fast led worship for three Sundays in April while Harvey was away on study leave. Our summer speakers were Glad Klassen, Paul Fast, Rev. Cathie Ellarby, Rev. Rob Patterson, Rev. Lorraine Davis, and Rev. Brian Brown. We thank them all for their inspiration.

From September to Thanksgiving Rev. Harvey led us in a worship series on the theme of Creation.

Our minister began the first part of his sabbatical following Thanksgiving. Rev. Doug Mitchell led the service on October 14. Rev. Cathie Ellarby led worship for the following three Sundays. On October 21, some of the Sunday School children presented the story of Esther. Because of Marjorie's retirement on Thanksgiving, special music was organized for the next several weeks by Sara Maida-Nicol and others. Who can forget hearing Terrance and Alyssa Wu? Remembrance Day was on Sunday this year, and we were blessed with special violin music provided by Mary Beth Doherty. We give thanks that Linda Bruch was able to step in to provide musical accompaniment for most of October.

For the Christmas season the sanctuary was beautifully decorated again by Lynn Marshall and others. Each Sunday morning worship during Advent began with a short video called "Are You Ready?". Sunday Dec. 23 the Sunday School presented their Christmas pageant, followed by a congregational lunch and a visit with Santa Claus. On Christmas Eve there were two candlelight services, one at 7 p.m. and the other at 10:30 p.m.

We finished the year with worship led by Paul Fast, followed by "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake in the gym for everyone.

Throughout the past year, we celebrated baptisms and weddings. We also remembered the lives of friends who had worshipped with us and served their church for years. We will continue to miss them.

It was a memorable year, and we did it by talking, grieving, sharing, and working with each other -- together.

I look forward to seeing where the new church year together will lead us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Cole, Chair

## **Cave Springs Camp 2018**

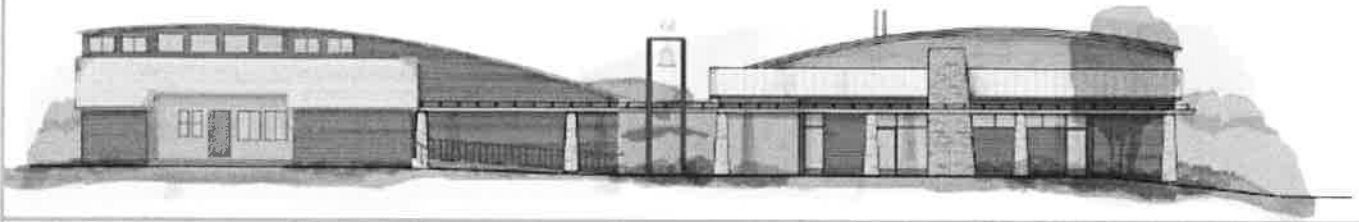
This camp has been a part of our church life for many years. Personally I have supported Cave Springs since 1953 when I was the Business Manager of an Explorer camp. As a church we have financially assisted every year and I hope we will continue to do so next year. As usual our Christian Education committee encourages campers to attend camp and we pay one third of the registration costs. This year we had 3 campers go and enjoy the adventure. We also had a major fund raising for the new building, Legacy Hall, and sent \$11,052.14 to camp. The building is up and closed in with the next phase in need of more financing. We are hoping for some young adult leadership on their council as well as ours this year. Please read the Cave Springs Camp newsletter we have posted.

Submitted by Paisley Janvary-Pool



# THE LEGACY HALL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

First Edition January 2019



## MOVING FORWARD by Alex Sillett

In 2007, the Cave Springs Camp Board of Directors had the first conversation about what it would look like to take our programming from four months to a year-round facility. We have been slowly growing that vision, refining it, and developing it into what we believe is the best version of it yet.

It is with great pleasure to announce that the build began at the beginning of September 2018. The vote came after many years of diligent planning, prayer and hard work towards ensuring the future of Cave Springs Camp.

The construction of the build has been broken into 4 phases; phase 1 is the physical foundation and footing for the building, phase 2 is the outer shell (framing, windows, doors, siding, roof etc.), phase 3 is the inner build (insulation, electrical, finishing's, etc.), and phase 4 would be all that is left (furnishings, site remediation, demolition of old buildings etc.). This phasing allows us to complete phase 1 and phase 2 debt free (with the possibility of accessing a loan from the united church if necessary, to bridge the gap).

The vote was to proceed with the first two phases with the

understanding that to complete phase 3 and phase 4, additional fundraising was required, for which significant grant applications are in process and with the capital campaign (is still omit) in full force.

The total campaign is \$2.4 million, of which over \$1.3 million has been raised to-date and the donations and pledges continue to grow.

In January we were able to give the green light to proceed to phase 3 allowing us to start the interior finishes.

Barring any serious setbacks, we will have Legacy Hall ready for the 2019 summer season, and possibly the spring season.

None of this could have happened without the countless volunteers, committee members, congregations and partners that have offered support. We want to acknowledge every-one who has played a role in this as we have learned it really takes a community to make a project like this possible. Thank you!

We aren't done yet! Despite this monumental decision there is still much work to be done, and our committees and board are still working hard to finish the job.

## LEGACY HALL PROJECT

### We Are Looking For Enthusiastic People to Plan The Grind

We are looking for people with experience in planning events and are interested in taking on a new challenge.

Cave Springs Camp is hosting a mud-run called The Grind.

If you have expertise in marketing, logistics, planning and designing obstacle courses, volunteer management, or registration then we need you!

The event is taking place at the camp in October of this year.

Interested in helping? Contact Nicki Inch at [funddeveloper@cavespringscamp.on.ca](mailto:funddeveloper@cavespringscamp.on.ca) or call 289-241-3422.

## **Appreciation Garden**

This year, the committee met and recommended that the Church Council honour six of our members: Diane Becken, George Bethune, Pat Billingsley, Janet Harris, and Geraldine & Tim Zavitz. We are so fortunate to benefit from the countless kindnesses and services from these members. It is our privilege to thank them on your behalf.

It is also time to think of this spring; nomination forms for 2019 are available in the office and need to be returned to the office on or before the last banking day of March – that's Friday, March 29.

On behalf of the Appreciation Garden Committee,  
Ray Marshall, Chair, 2018



## **Walking And Exercise Group**

We are still exercising and walking every Monday and Thursday at 10. We welcome anyone who would like to join us both for a workout and social time.

Submitted by Gail Goar.

## **In-Touch Committee**

We were pleased to welcome Janet Harris as a member. This was a difficult conclusion to 2018 with the passing of Pat Billingsley, a very active member of our Committee.

Thank you to Fred Ellarby, Donna Thibert, Cathy and Roger Purdy for their assistance with the monthly luncheons and to everyone else who stepped up to assist.

We continued to keep “in touch” with our church family under Rev. Tobey’s guidance and pastoral leadership. In Rev. Tobey’s absence, Rev. Cathie Ellarby reached out to the needs of our church family.

Thank you to Joanne Fast for preparing the personalized cards for Rev. Tobey’s signature.

To everyone who assisted with the many funeral receptions a special, heartfelt thank you.

We hosted Niagara Presbytery in January.

Rev. Tobey continued to offer monthly services at Lundy Manor, Stamford Estates and G.N.G.H., accompanied by various volunteers.

We visited our shut-ins and remembered our veterans, shut-ins and bereaved. 76 poinsettias were delivered to our shut-ins and bereaved at Christmas.

Revised our costs for funeral receptions.

Some of our expenditures in 2018 were as follows:

- Hosted Niagara Presbytery
- \$1,000 transferred to the Church’s General Fund
- \$400 transferred to the Fellowship Hour (Coffee Fund)
- Small recognition to Rev. Cathie Ellarby
- Potato salads for the annual church picnic.

Thank you to everyone who visited, telephoned and/or sent a card to our church family. Please advise the church office if you need a visit or know someone who could use a visit. Working together, we can continue to “reach out” to our church family.

In-Touch Committee: Rev. Harvey Tobey, Rev. Cathie Ellarby, Barbara Arseneau, Diane Becken, Pat Billingsley, Barbara Cole, Joanne Fast, Pam Gilmore, Gail Goar, Janet Harris, Mary Ann Harrison, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Lynn and Ray Marshall, Jane Shores, Donna Walker, April Zavitz.

## **The Sewing Group**

We have a wonderful group of people who sew for Niagara Warehouse of Hope in St. Catharines. The items we make are shipped to Guatemala to be distributed to new moms for their babies. They also deliver items to schools and orphanages where needed.

We would gladly welcome anyone who would like to join us for sewing and fellowship on Friday mornings at 10:00am in the activity room at the church.

During the past year from January 2018 through December 2018, we have made the following:

87 Bags	45 Pajamas
105 Blankets	16 Receiving Blankets
81 Diapers	80 Sweater Sets
73 Dresses	3 Crib Sheets
105 Face Cloths	11 Shorts
152 Hats	9 Pair Socks
7 Jackets & Vests	42 Shirts
49 Nightgowns	20 Sanitary Napkins
64 Onesies	2 Towels
44 Pants	13 Toy Bags w/toy

Thank you to those who have donated items and to those who have given their time and talents each Friday: Jean Chagnon, Karen Corey, Bonnie Fletcher, Carole Jarvis, Jerry Kok, Penny Soulsby, Vera Todd.  
Submitted by Penny Soulsby

## **Mission And Outreach Report**

Thank you to the committee of Mary Ann Harrison co-chair, Mary Dempsey, Jacki Hackett, Carolyn Monteith, Pauline Anderson, Vera Packham, Anne Arnott, Joan MacKenzie and our associates-Pam Gilmore, Darlene and Will Foster and Brenda Skinner. We had another great year in Missions at Stamford Lane United Church.

We started the year on February the 4th with a complimentary pancake breakfast before the annual meeting. Thanks to our cooks of Bryce Anderson, Tim and Robbie Zavitz and lots of people who helped in the kitchen and servers. Many thanks to the kind sponsor as well. We had a presentation from Cave Springs about the building of the new Legacy Hall which will make it a year round facility. The Mission Committee gave \$1000.00 from the garage sale profits. We have been able to raise a total of \$11,052.14 from Stamford Lane this year. Great job everyone!

In September, we had another very successful garage sale organized by Pauline Anderson, Anne Arnott and Joan MacKenzie. They made a profit of \$1,948.80. Thank you girls and spouses who helped. We decided to give \$1,000.00 to the roof fund, \$300.00 to each of the following Caribbean Workers Outreach Program, Meals on Wheels who support people who cannot afford the meals and the Niagara Community Outreach program. Unfortunately, the girls have all given us their resignation from the garage sale. We would like to ask if anyone would like to take the organization over of this worthwhile project as many are willing to help.

We were able to support 35 families with food vouchers through Project SHARE with our White Gift Offerings in December. We ordered the food vouchers through our Fundscrip program. It cost us \$3,375.00 and we sent an additional \$1,386.00 to Project SHARE.

With the W. Dolby and E.C. Fisher Fund, we were able to support Leonel Guarachi in Bolivia with \$504.00 through the International Children's Fund.

Our total givings for the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada was \$26,694.66. Thank you to everyone for all your givings and support from the Mission Committee.

Submitted by  
Gail Goar, chair

**STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH GIVINGS - 2018**

<u>WORLD MISSION</u>	MEMBER GIVINGS	MISSION & OUTREACH	JOY UNIT	GOOD NEWS UNIT	JAVA 98	J & A THOMPSON ENDOWMENT	W. DOLBY & E. C. FISHER FUND	TOTAL
Mission & Services Fund (UC)	22,828.00			1,500.00		2,366.66		26,694.66
World Developement Fund	420.00							420.00
Guardians of Hope			700.00					700.00
International Children's Fund							504.00	504.00
World Mission Subtotal	23,248.00	0.00	700.00	1,500.00	0.00	2,366.66	504.00	28,318.66
<u>LOCAL MISSION</u>								
Well Springs Niagara					101.00			101.00
Cave Springs Building Fund	8,192.14	1,000.00		2,000.00				11,192.14
Family Mental Health Support Network of Niagara					500.00			500.00
Light of Day Canada (Parkinsons)					500.00			500.00
Cameron Lee					500.00			500.00
Carribian Worker Outreach Program		300.00						300.00
Meals on Wheels		300.00						300.00
Niagara Community Kitchen	1,015.00	300.00						1,315.00
Woman's Place Niagara					75.00			75.00
Project Share	1,470.00							1,470.00
Project Share White Gift	4,761.00							4,761.00
LOCAL MISSION SUBTOTAL	15,438.14	1,900.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,676.00	0.00	0.00	21,014.14
GRAND TOTAL	38,686.14	1,900.00	700.00	3,500.00	1,676.00	2,366.66	504.00	49,332.80

## **Mittens**

What a wonderful display of mitts and scarves we received this year to take to Project SHARE and 5 local classrooms. We received 144 pair of mitts, 22 hats, 47 scarves and 32 pair of socks. We deliver to schools we have members teaching or children attending. Special thanks to Frances Munro for her artwork, Mrs. Worrall and all who contributed.

Submitted by Paisley January-Pool

## **Cookie Exchange**

We have a cookie exchange before church in mid-December and invite you to take part next year. You bring any number of cookies and take the same number home. It is a quick procedure and gives us a great variety for the festive season. We had 7 participants this year. Submitted by Paisley January –Pool

## **Flower Committee**

It is this committee that provides some floral display weekly on the alter in celebration or memory or seasonable. Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving add more plants and display. We usually sell poinsettias or lilies but with no supplier this year Lynn Marshall used lovely larger plants for display. We will have lilies for Easter. Let me know if you would like a flower display any Sunday. Paisley January-Pool

## **Audio/Visual Presentation Group**

The group that is responsible for the projection of the Sunday morning service is small but active. We only number three, Bryanna Johnson, Glad Klassen and myself. It is a learning process as we have learned more about what the system can do and we experiment with utilizing its capability. We have gone beyond simply doing Sunday services and have been called upon to do Power Point presentations for other events such as the Canada Sesquicentennial celebration and funerals. We are now trying to integrate a live camera into the system.

We are extremely lucky to have Bryanna and Glad as they do all of the inputting into the system and take the lead in the ongoing improvements. Paul Fast, Richard Lambert, Bob Jamieson and Dan MacDonnell work the sound system as required. We are a small group and would love to have more people involved, so if you would like to get involved with a great team, don't hesitate, come on down to the back of the church and join in.

Bryce Anderson

## **Rental Committee**

This committee of Barbara Cole, Ray Marshall and I meet as needed to support or make changes to our rental policy. Sharon MacDonnell carries out all the details of renting space day by day. We have space available due to the loss of the Niagara Adult Learning Centre. Rentals have been a great fund raiser for the church this year.

Paisley January-Pool

## **Yoga**

It's now been 3 years since we began practicing Yoga here originally in the fellowship room two times a week! We moved to our own private studio downstairs where three to four classes a week have been running since September 2017! The young adults next door from the Niagara Adult Learning Centre also enjoy a short yoga class weekly. What a wonderful space we have.

No previous yoga experience! Come join us soon! Just wear comfy clothes and bring your mat! We have two other teachers on the schedule, Maggie Neuroth and Donna Dalglish! Please join us Tuesdays 10am; Wednesdays 7 pm and Thursdays 10:30am!

See you on your mat soon! Namaste 🧘

Kristyn Schram

## **Transitions Canada**

Over this past year we have met some wonderful people that attend the church and the programs that are held here. The relationships we build here help us to enjoy inclusion within our own communities. We look forward to a new year and meeting many more caring individuals. Be sure to check the bulletin board for events that we will be holding over the next year, starting with our painting classes with a local artist on Mondays beginning in February. Everyone is welcome, no experience required.

TRANSITIONS CANADA was founded to provide services for seniors and life skill training for persons that have an intellectual/developmental disability. We are deeply committed and take responsibility in our community to share our strengths with those that need support to develop and maintain mutually contributing and positive relationships. We work to provide supports that eliminate barriers to acceptance and emphasize abilities so that all are welcomed in the community and are seen as valued citizens with full inclusion. These are the true measure of happiness.

Following our mission to provide supports that reflect the individuals changing needs and to enhance their opportunities to participate in their home communities and attain their best quality of life we provide the following services:

**Senior Services** – transition services, day program respite, organizing and decluttering, light shopping, appointments, meal and property checks for vacations and hospital stays.

**Transition Services for individuals with disabilities** - we help individuals transition through the complex move from youth to young adult, to employment, further education or more independence in living and daily activities.

**Day Program/After School & Respite** – individuals can attend half day or full days, one or more days a week.

**Home Management Training** - We will assist the participant in developing skills required for more independence and safety in the home. We can provide supports so the individual can move toward independent living.

**Life Skill Training/Recreation** - Each day follows a different theme, with a wide variety of topics and activities within that theme. Our program offers diverse activities and topics according to participant goals and needs. Each day is unique. Participants are welcome to attend half or full days and any number of days during the week/month.

Through volunteer openings we invite the leaders in our community to share their giftedness, skills and strengths with us. Our participants of different abilities can gain experience in a safe and welcoming environment. We look forward to seeing you so we can practice our socialization and conversation skills as well as learn new hobbies and ways to gain health and wellness. Through your support, participants can learn new skills and have a greater chance at full inclusion.

As we close out the year we would like to thank you for supporting us within the church community. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Rose Quong

## **Turkey Dinner**

The 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner was held on October 27th, and I am proud to say, it was a success! Although our numbers were down a little from last year, we still served over 250 dinners.

Making this dinner a success means a lot of volunteers must be involved and we can't thank them enough for everything they do. A very special thank you to Chris Watling, Dennis Gilmore, Tim Zavitz, Dan, Dan and Dan as well as Ray Marshall. There is a very helpful and cooperative Team and too many to mention here that drive the success of the dinner year after year, and without them, we would not succeed.

We are fortunate to have Chef Dave Berggren volunteer to cook all of the turkeys at his place of employment year after year. I can't imagine what we would do without him.

Also this year we ran a very successful Turkey Sponsorship Program again. This is a huge fundraising initiative for our Church, a special thanks to all who sold tickets and sponsorships on the Sunday mornings after Church leading up to the dinner. The monies raised from the generous donors through the sponsorship program totaled **\$5,650**. Turkey Sponsors will receive a charitable tax receipt.

All the receipts and disbursements for the dinner were managed through the Church Treasurer Ray Marshall. Thanks to Ray for doing this as well.

Respectfully, Afshin Malekzadeh

### **Financial Report for the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Turkey Dinner:**

Receipts:	Ticket and food sales:	\$3,736.80	
Less: Disbursements:	Food and supplies:	- \$2,099.87	
	Turkey Dinner Profit:		\$1,665.31
Add: Turkey Sponsorships			\$5,650.00
<b>Grand Total Raised:</b>			<b><u>\$7,315.31</u></b>

## **Property Committee**

First and foremost this year, I would like to thank my committee for all their assistance in making decisions which, with God's help, satisfy the short term and long term needs of this church. I would also like to thank my committee along with other congregation members for their "hands on" help. It's always good to see someone pick up a screwdriver or a paint brush or a circular saw or heck, even a chainsaw, when needed, to keep our property nice and tidy.

There were a couple of highlights in 2018. The phone system was upgraded and the upper level accessible washroom was refurbished. (Thanks Janet!)

A big decision was made in the past year for a job which will take place in 2019. As a result of all the ground work by Cris Beal, our sanctuary roof will be redone in May. It is worth noting that after that job is completed, we will have redone all of our roofed surfaces, both flat and sloped, within the past 12 years!! We will then allow ourselves a chance to boast for a short time ... ☺

At the time of writing this report, an issue with our personal lift/elevator has surfaced. I would like to thank Rev. Tobey for going above and beyond in dealing with this. As always, a new year brings new challenges. Hopefully, this challenge brings us to the next level.

Finally, we lost a very dedicated committee member this year in Ed Breski. He will be missed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Dan MacDonnell, Chair

Committee: Cris Beal, George Bethune, Richard Lambert, Joan MacKenzie, Dan Monteith, Paul Patterson, Dan Taylor.

## **WOMEN'S GROUPS:**

### **Joy Unit**

Leader – Cathy Purdy      Secretary – Janet Kaine      Treasurer – Ruth Grandoni

We met the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning of each month for coffee at 9:30am. Our meetings were full featuring devotionals, programs, speakers, discussions, quizzes, book reports and lots of laughs. The following outlines are not complete – just brief.

In January, Janet Kaine led the devotional “A Year of New Things”. Cathy Purdy presented a program, suggested by Elsie Wallace on “What’s Important for Seniors”.

In February, due to bad weather, the meeting was cancelled.

In March, Cathy Purdy delivered a devotional on “Love”. Members read descriptions of “Love” written by some famous people, children and comedians. It was very interesting. We finished with the prayer by St. Francis. For the program, we continued the discussion of “What’s Important for Seniors?” begun in January’s meeting.

In April, Cathy Purdy led the devotional about “Earth Day” (April 22) focusing on God’s world from a book called “Sing a New Song”. She also touched on the history of Dr. Babcock who wrote “This is My Father’s World”. For the fun program following, Barbara Arseneau had prepared a few word games for the members.

In May, Eleanor Cattnach gave a devotional on “Blessings”. The members were asked to think of someone or something out of the ordinary to consider a “blessing”. Ruth McDowell displayed several of her wood carvings that she had done over the years. She gave a short history of her carving career. Her artistry with wood was admired by all the members. For program, Bev Patterson gave a book report on Ken Follett’s well-loved book about the 11<sup>th</sup> century in early England ‘Pillars of the Earth’.

In June, our meeting was a luncheon held at the “Greek Koutouki Restaurant on Ferry Street.

In September, Jean Chagnon gave the devotional “The Grammar of God”. Members reported some of their special moments enjoyed over the summer. Our guest speaker was Norma Irani, a member of our congregation. Norma had lived in Pakistan for 10 years and spoke about her life while there. She also brought some traditional garments and encouraged us to try them on. The members found her talk really informative about life in Pakistan.

In October, Joanne Hicks led the devotional on “Thanksgiving”. Cathy Purdy gave a program on “Proverbs” in the Old Testament. Bibles were distributed so the members could see the scope of the good advice given on most subjects. Although King Solomon wrote most of these wise sayings, his wisdom is still as useful today. A quiz followed about well-known Proverbs. Barbara Arseneau, who loves games, won the prize.

In November, Janet Kaine led the devotional on “Remembrance Day”. For the program we had a sad and serious discussion about the future of J.O.Y. Due to declining attendance because of serious health issues and life changes, the members voted to disband. We’ve had a good run – some active since 1962. At that time we were called Unit 4. There were 3 other U.C.W. groups at Stamford United at that time. Then we adopted our new name J.O.Y. meaning Jesus 1<sup>st</sup>, Others 2<sup>nd</sup>, Yourself last. We’ve tried to follow this motto for 56 years.

In December, our final J.O.Y. meeting was held at Cats Restaurant where we enjoyed lunch together with 17 in attendance. Dr. Rob Patterson and his wife Sarah joined us. We had a great time.

### **Disbursement of Money from J.O.Y. in 2018**

Stamford Lane Roof    \$700.00

Guardians of Hope    \$700.00

Balance                \$ 0.00

Bank Books Closed

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Purdy



## Good News Unit

President – Jane Shores

Secretary – Carolyn Monteith

Treasurer – Jacki Hackett

The wonderful group of women in the Good News Unit meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the church or at members' homes. We have an of average 12 – 15 ladies in attendance. Our meetings include devotions, planning for upcoming fundraising and outreach activities, a special activity or guest speaker, and a great social time together. It wouldn't be a meeting without some delicious snacks. The proceeds of our fundraising activities went to Stamford Lane U.C. Cave Springs Building Fund, the Roof Fund and the U.C. Mission and Service Fund. (see GNU Financial Statement below)

Some of the highlights of our 2018 activities are:

- January Potluck & Movie night at the home of Chris Watling. February's meeting included Valentine activities, planning and delicious snacks hosted at the home of Barb Tobey.
- In March, we hosted the annual Chili / Trivia Night, along with the Silent Auction, which was a huge success. Thanks to Dan Monteith for being our Trivia Host and to Mary Schmagala for organizing the Silent Auction Items and all the ladies for cooking the meal.
- In April, we created bracelets with Elizabeth Timleck and in May, we had guest speaker Haley Gienow-Mc Connell, author of "A Sense of Love", talking about family life with a Daddy who is deaf.
- Our June year-end dinner was held at August Restaurant in Beamsville. As part of our Community Outreach, our ladies also provided lunch for 35 Habitat for Humanity Volunteer Workers on June 20<sup>th</sup> during their summer build.
- At September's meeting, Fran Inglis, our guest speaker spoke on Crazy Quilts, and had a number of crazy quilted pieces on display.
- In November, Teresa Parana, our guest speaker, taught us how to make Christmas bows and also displayed some of her wood carvings. It was a social night of food and friendship. We also ran a very successful bake table at the Christmas Arts and Craft Show on Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the many ladies who donated baked goods, jams and jellies to sell.
- On Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, in preparation for Advent, we hosted our annual Christmas Luncheon and Communion for the all the ladies in the congregation to enjoy.

Special Note: In December, Pat Billingsley, a long-time member of the Good News Unit, passed away after a long illness. We will miss her long-time service to our group. She will forever be remembered for her kindness, terrific chili recipe and of course her famous lemon squares.

You are welcomed to join us at future meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Shores, President

### 2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR GOOD NEWS UNIT

#### **RECEIPTS**

Balance forward Dec 31, 2017	\$3,143.73
Collections	196.50
Proceeds from Chili/trivia	1,350.00
Proceeds from Silent Auction	1,329.00
Proceeds from Kitchen snacks	208.50
Proceeds from Craft Table	502.00
Proceeds from Craft Show	
Table Sales	425.00

**\$ 7,154.73**

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

SLUC Roof Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Mission & Service Fund	1,500.00
Xmas Luncheon expenses	71.95
SLUC-Cave Springs Camp	2,000.00
Building Fund	
Monthly Plan Service Fees	17.03
Balance on hand Dec 31, 2018	<u>1,565.75</u>

**\$ 7,154.73**

Respectfully submitted  
Jacki Hackett, Treasurer

## **Adult Chancel Choir**

In a short period of time a few things have changed in the music scene at Stamford Lane United Church, yet some things remain the same. The adult chancel choir which is composed of members from High School age to retirees still has rehearsals every Thursday from 8:00 to 9:15 PM for Sunday services and special concerts. The main difference is that our most excellent music director, Marjorie Slinn has decided to retire and reduce her involvement in the music programs at Stamford Lane, after many dedicated years of service. She will still be involved with the Rainbow Ringers and has decided to join the Tenor section of our Adult Choir. While we were searching for a new Choir Director and organist, Sara Maida-Nicol took over as acting music director and helped organize the music for services in addition to directing the Adult Choir. We were very lucky to have some exceptional musicians lead our church members in the singing of the hymns during those Sundays. We all appreciated their outstanding talents on the piano and violin. We appreciate all of the musicians who share their talents with us, especially Terrence and Alyssa Wu, Mary-Beth Doherty, the multi-talented instrument player John Calder, pianists Anthony Medico and Linda Bruch and lastly, guitarist Fred Ellarby.

Marjorie's replacements are Sara Maida-Nicol, who joined our choir in 2015 and has already been assisting Marjorie by taking over directing the Children's Choirs and the new piano and organ accompanist is Linda Bruch. We are very happy to welcome both of them to help with the continuation of beautiful music that Stamford Lane United Church has been known for because of Marjorie's talents. We can be certain that the music scene at Stamford will remain strong.

Last spring, the choir hosted baritone Brett Polegato and pianist Robert Kortgaard who gave a recital of Broadway favourites. The show was covered by the Niagara Falls Review and tickets sold out. Brett spoke fondly of his time at both Stamford and Lundy's Lane, where his love of music began. A reception "meet and greet" was held afterwards.

Just before Christmas, the Adult Choir was honoured to sing at the funerals of Pat Billingsley and Ann Hick. They were both members of our choir and will be sadly missed by all of us. After years of faithful service, we appreciate the dedication of those full time choir members who have left us due to unfortunate circumstances or other reasons. These members are Don Shanks, Tim and Geraldine Zavitz, Bob Chagnon, Randy Vant, Ruth Grandoni, Pat Billingsley, Mary Ann Harrison, Vera Todd, Jacki Hackett, Ann Hick and Wendy McCabe. We welcome the newest members of our choir: sopranos Alissa Raimondo and Cindy White and altos Carol Crown and Sarah Conidi. If you would like to join our choir as a full or part time member, please talk to Sara or email [choir@stamfordlaneunited.ca](mailto:choir@stamfordlaneunited.ca)

The Adult Choir and Praise Team came together in song for a beautiful Christmas Eve service by candlelight. During the last Sunday Worship Service on December 30<sup>th</sup>, the year 2018 ended on a good note with our new soprano Alissa Raimondo singing two solos, and a quintet that included Sara Maida-Nicol, Pam and Dennis Gilmore, Linda Bruch and Ray Marshall. You can be assured that good music will continue into the year 2019.

Respectively Submitted,  
Donald King

## **Senior Choir Financial Statement 2018**

### **Receipts**

Bank Balance Dec 31, 2017	\$ 2,977.91
Collections: Membership	\$ 205.00
	<u>\$ 3,182.91</u>

### **Disbursements**

Flowers (M. Slinn)	\$ 19.80
Balance on hand Dec 31, 2018	\$ 3,163.11
	<u>\$ 3,182.91</u>

Respectfully submitted  
Marion Lennox

## **The Praise Team**

The Praise team has increased its membership which is always a celebration. We sang on many Sundays throughout the year, with music choices to lift the heart and soul in rejoicing. Our singing in the Christmas Season was a highlight.

In 2019, we plan on singing more often, giving us the opportunity to introduce more songs and styles.

We extend an invitation to anyone who would like to be a part of our group. It is not necessary to read music (It has been suggested that such an ability may be a detriment!), only that you bring your enthusiasm. We practice Monday evenings at 7:00p.m. at the church. Speak to Fred Ellarby, or any member of the group if you are interested in finding out more.

Fred Ellarby fredellarby@yahoo.com

## **Youth Choirs**

The Children and Teen Choirs at Stamford Lane continue to thrive with twenty-one active members from the church and local community. New families are being welcomed with open arms (thank you) and our church is becoming known for high quality music programming for young musicians. With the addition of Fred Ellarby on guitar and Michael Vetere, our ten year old drummer, we've been able to perform a more varied mix of musical genres that the young people enjoy very much. Our regular rehearsals consist of musical games and singing songs while learning proper vocal and breathing technique. Our Christmas service on December 23<sup>rd</sup> was an extraordinary challenge that the children met with great success. So many people came together to bring that project to fruition and it wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of them, from parent volunteers to the projection team, our music family is great!

This past year we created a "special music" element to our regular service inviting guests from the community to share their musical talents. The local music teachers are grateful for these performance opportunities we provide their students, who wouldn't have them otherwise, yet are imperative to their studies. We've enjoyed the astonishing talents of Terrence and Alyssa Wu, members of PK Hummingbird Steel Band Orchestra and a number of award-winning vocalists. A true win-win program that we plan to continue for years to come bringing musical variety to our services while fostering a safe and supportive performance space for these young artists. Both choirs meet Saturdays at 11:30am, ages 4-13 (Junior) & 13-17 (Teen).

Respectfully submitted by Sara Maida-Nicol, Music Director

## **Rainbow Ringers**

Now 38 years in existence under the very patient direction of Marjorie Slinn, our choir is looking forward to another year, enjoying music by ringing bells (especially those of us who can't sing!).

Ringling for 2019 are the same ringers as last year. Ray Marshall steps into the difficult bass position, helped by Naomi Kelley, Dan Monteith, Bob Chagnon and Noreen Bradshaw. Enthusiastically ringing the treble bells are Carolyn Monteith, June Slee, Sharon MacDonnell, Mary Dempsey, Laura Sparkman and Bryanna Johnson. This past year we rang several times in Sunday church services. This year most of us hope to attend the OGEHR Festival in June at Fanshawe College in London, Ontario. We will share what we learn in our Sunday services next fall. 2019 will be a busy, exciting year.

### **Rainbow Ringers Financial Report**

#### **Receipts**

Bal. on hand Jan1/18	\$ 283.87
Dues and memberships	50.00
Sale of equipment	<u>100.00</u>
	<u>\$ 433.87</u>

#### **Disbursements**

OGEHR memberships	\$ 210.00
Bal. on hand Dec31/18	<u>223.87</u>
	<u>\$ 433.87</u>

Respectfully submitted by Noreen Bradshaw

## **Java 98**

We had 45 musicians perform from Jan - Dec 2018, 26 actual acts, which includes a few duos, a few trios, and the children's choir from Stamford Lane in February. The numbers are down from the previous year. Based on that, we chose to only run Java 4 nights for the next session, 2 in the fall and 2 in the spring.

This outreach activity owes a multitude of thanks to the dedication from each of the volunteers that assist from month to month. Committee members included Rev. Harvey Tobey, Dan MacDonnell, Ray Marshall, Lynn Marshall, Dan Monteith and Carolyn Monteith. Sharon MacDonnell and Doug Craig regularly volunteer and we've had some additional help from Cathie and Fred Ellarby and Donna and Lou Moffatt.

Our sound technician, Cameron Lee, ended his time with us in the spring, as he is currently enrolled at college pursuing his education in music and technology. We granted him \$500 as a thank you for the many hours of assistance he provided to us. He did leave his equipment available for our use and Dan MacDonnell has taken up the challenge to bring our audience good sound quality. Thanks to all our musicians and supportive audience members, we appreciate your attendance.

Through the monies raised from admissions and kitchen sales from Nov 2017 – May 2018 season, we were able to make two \$500 donations to Family Support Network of Niagara and to Light of Day for Parkinson's research. Socan fees for Stamford Lane were also covered from the monies generated from Java.

We look forward to hosting these coffeehouses for you and our community at large. A special thank you to Sara Maida-Nicol for encouraging her children's choir to sing at our coffeehouse and James Blonde for taking the time out of their busy schedule to perform for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary MacDonnell

## **The Fundscrip Program**

This year Mary Dempsey and Barbara Tobey collected one order for gift cards.

December 20, 2018 we had 20 people order a total of \$8,570.00 which included our white gift order.

This provides a total credit to the church of \$ 297.35 for 2018 that has not yet been redeemed.

Thank you for your support of this program.

## **Church Givings for 2018**

A total of 297 families gave donations in 2018.

2 families gave over \$6,000  
4 families gave \$5,000 - \$6,000  
2 families gave \$4,000 - \$5,000  
6 families gave \$3,000- \$4,000  
18 families gave \$2,000 - \$3,000  
14 families gave \$1,500 - \$2,000  
15 families gave \$1,200 - \$1,500  
20 families gave \$1,000 - \$1,200  
15 families gave \$800 - \$1,000  
37 families gave \$500 - \$800  
76 families gave \$100 - \$500  
36 families gave \$50 - \$100  
52 families gave less than \$50

## **Tri-M**

December, 2017 – The executive met to plan for 2018.

It was decided to have two groups as attendance has been declining and there was difficulty in finding leaders. The dates were set for seven meetings. Rev. Harvey and Barb Tobey will lead group #1 and Jim and Carol Sauder will lead group #2. Dan and Carolyn Monteith will act as presidents in 2019.

February 23 – This meeting was held at the church, led by Marjorie Slinn. The movie “Ruth” was enjoyed by all in attendance.

March 23 – A games night was held at the church. Janet Pearson presented the devotion on St. Patrick and John Newton. There were 15 to 20 people in attendance.

April 27 – The congregation was invited to join us at Lori's Kitchen. Vivian Lapp provided the devotion “A parable of Two Frogs”. There were 38 people in attendance.

May 25 – The group toured the Coronation Centre. The devotion was presented by Lynn Marshall. There were 10 to 15 people in attendance.

November 16 – This meeting was cancelled as the speaker backed out with very little notice.

September 7 – The congregation was invited to a corn roast and BBQ at the home of Ray and Lynn Marshall, hosted also by Dan and Carolyn Monteith. Barb Tobey provided a biblical quiz for devotion. There were 45 people in attendance.

November 18 – The executive met to finalize plans for the Christmas dinner and consider the future of Tri-M. We discussed phasing out the Tri-M name as attendance has declined and it has become very difficult to find group leaders. There are events being held at the church in January and February, a lasagna dinner and the chili trivia night, other dinners are being planned. These ideas will be presented to the membership at the December Christmas party and suggest that we transfer the funds to a church account to be used for expenses at future Christmas dinners.

December 14 – The congregation was invited to Betty's Restaurant. Santa Claus, aka Jim Sauder arrived, entertaining us with jokes and Christmas crackers. Vivian Lapp presented the devotion “Keeping Christmas”. Ruth Buchanan reported there is \$552.87 in the account. Vivian gave a review of the year's functions and reported that there were only 39 members. Rev. Harvey Tobey led the discussion of the future of Tri-M. A motion was made by Vivian Lapp, seconded by Carolyn Monteith, to move all Tri-M funds to a church directed fund for use with incidental expenses at future Christmas parties. Carried. Dan Monteith provided a sound system and led the group in Christmas songs. There were 35 people in attendance.

We would like to thank all those who contributed to Tri-M in 2018. The executive, group leaders, those who provided ideas, opinions, devotions, refreshments, their homes and especially their time.

Respectfully submitted by Vivian Lapp and Marjorie Slinn.

## **Tri-M Financial Statement for the Year ending December 31, 2018**

Bank Balance Jan. 1, 2018	\$ 359.87
42 Memberships	42.00
Collections	31.00
Profit from barbeque	<u>120.00</u>

<b>Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2018</b>	<b><u>\$ 552.87</u></b>	Total Paid Members in 2018 is 42
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Respectfully Submitted,  
Ruth Buchanan, Treasurer

## **Trustees Report**

As we reflect over this past year we hold in our hearts members of our Church who served as Trustees. Their dedication has led to the well-being of Stamford Lane United Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of Maureen West, Wayne Becken and Larry Morningstar. Maureen was appointed as a trustee in 1999. Wayne Becken was appointed as a trustee in 2015. Larry Morningstar was appointed as a trustee in 1981.

Our current trustees are Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, George Bethune, Bob Cattnach, Mary Dempsey, Dennis Gilmore, Marion Lauder, Marion Lennox, Paisley Janvary-Pool, Joan MacKenzie, Paul Patterson, Rev Harvey Tobey, and Gerald (Tim) Zavitz.

The Board of Trustees holds property for the use and benefit of the congregation.

All lands, premises and Real Property and Personal Property held or acquired in trust for or for the use of a congregation are to be held, used and administered by the Board of Trustees. Personal Property is defined to include money and investments.

- Per direction of our Council in 2018 we received \$30,184 in January which represented 50% of the bathroom renovation expense before taxes. This sum was received from the Presbytery Extension Council through a grant application. We received \$9,000 in February which represented a portion of the HST rebate generated from costs of renovations. We transferred \$36,431.39 from Scotia Bank (matured GIC) to Investors Group. We disbursed \$4,500 from the Fisher Legacy Fund in July to help pay for wages of our summer students.
- We made a revision to our Investment Policy Statement of the asset classes. The changes more accurately reflect where money is being invested to maintain a Moderate/Conservative portfolio.
- Our insurance plan is administered by Olsen-Sottile Insurance Brokers Inc. The Master Policy is with HUB HKMB International which is a General Insurance Plan for the United Church of Canada providing Property, Boiler and Machinery, Crime, Commercial General Liability and Abuse Indemnity Form.
- Regarding our Land Registry - we continue to work with Becky Peters of Martin, Sheppard Fraser LLP and the United Church of Canada to clear up the legal issue of the two different names listed on our deeds as the Grantees.

### **Legacy Giving**

We continue to be blessed with the generosity of our Church members. Generous donations were made to Memorial Funds and specifically to the Renovation and Roof Directed Funds. We received a donation from the estate of Verna Grant. These donations were above the normal offering for the operation of the church.

Legacy gifts help fund our congregation's ongoing ministries, build our reserves, facilitate new ministry programs and opportunities and help our congregation in the future. These gifts come in the form of:

- Bequests – you can make a gift in your will to any area of the church or divide your gift among several programs and ministries
- Annuities – you make a gift now; you receive a charitable donation receipt for a portion of your gift; you receive guaranteed semi-annual payments for life
- Life Insurance – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church
- RRSP's, RRIF's and TFSA's – a substantial future gift is created to support the ministry and mission of the church; your estate receives a charitable donation receipt that will offset taxes, which will in turn replenish the value of your estate; designating a ministry as the beneficiary of a policy helps avoid probate fees on these gifts

If you are interested in making a difference in the financial future of Stamford Lane United Church please speak to Reverend Harvey Tobey or Dennis Gilmore.

Respectfully submitted – Dennis Gilmore, Chair of Trustees

## **Finance Committee Report**

Again this year, the Finance Committee continued its practice of meeting prior to each Council Meeting. At the meeting, both income and expenses for the past month are reviewed. When asked, we provide guidance to the Church Council on financial matters. As well, it is our duty to lead the budgeting process, which we have done with input from the other Council Committees.

Once again we thank our assistants, Council Members and former Council Members, who have cheerfully helped us prepare the bank deposit each week. Using “night deposit” bags for deposits each week has continued to ensure offerings are secure and promptly banked. As she has done for so many times in the past we thank Willo, who faithfully keeps track of all donations, organizes and reminds our “counters” each week, and provides so much wisdom as to our ongoing finances.

We continue to encourage you to participate in the PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance) program as a method to contribute to Stamford Lane United. We do have “PAR” cards for those who wish to have something to place on the offering plate as it is passed. If you wish to receive more information or to subscribe to PAR, please contact any member of the Finance Committee and we will get you the information to register. Registration requires a “void” cheque and your signature on the form. Amending the monthly donation is as easy as a phone call or email.

St. Paul writes “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5 NIV) Stamford Lane United is most fortunate to have a strong team working diligently on our behalf. Our deepest thanks go to all the committee members – Bryce Anderson, Anne Arnott, Reg Ferland, Marion Lennox, Leslie Maddalena and Willo Morningstar. Both Reg and Willo have felt the need to move to another phase in their lives. We thank them both for their guidance and insights and know we can count on their wisdom in the future.

Looking forward to 2019, our proposed operating budget is increasing by a little more than 2%. While this is much smaller than the increase for 2018, we need to remind you that if it were not for the bequest of \$15,000 that we received in 2018, our bottom line would be in a deficit position. Moreover, our income is not keeping pace with the expenses of the church. Please prayerfully consider your weekly offerings. We invite you to show your gratitude to our God that has given us all so much.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Finance Committee,  
Tim Zavitz & Ray Marshall

**Stamford Lane United Church**  
**Receipts and Disbursements**  
**for the year ended December 31, 2018**

<b>INCOME</b>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>			
Local Offering	\$167,270.02				
Loose Collections	1,928.30				
Initial Offering	313.00				
Christmas Offering	1,792.65				
Misc. – HST Rebate	4,951.46				
Misc. – In-Touch Committee	1,000.00				
Misc. – Men's Club Turkey Dinner Proceeds	1,665.31				
Misc. – Thompson Endowment Fund	2,366.65				
Misc. – Turkey Sponsorships	5,675.00				
Misc. – UCW Pies					
Presbytery Dues	232.00				
Rent Revenue	24,582.60				
Sunday School Offerings	203.00				
<b>Sub-Total Income, 2018</b>		<b>\$211,997.85</b>			
Misc. – Estate Bequest	15,000.00				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$226,997.85</b>			
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2018</i>
<b>SALARIES</b>					
Salaries, Wages	\$131,003.00		101.6%	\$129,003	
Minister's Housing					
Minister's Travel Allowance	2,642.45		66.1%	4,000	
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	5,456.73		136.4%	4,000	
		\$139,102.18	101.5%		\$137,003
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>					
Church's Share of Employee Benefits	23,105.64		105%	22,000	
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	1,452.00		100%	1,452	
Organist's Conference Expenses	1,361.99		90.8%	1,500	
		\$ 25,919.63	103.9%		24,952
<b>WORSHIP &amp; SERVICE</b>					
Advertising				100	
Appreciation Garden	624.45		156.1%	400	
Choir Expenses	200.44		26.7%	750	
Fellowship Hour	0.07		0.0%	450	
Licencing (CCLI)	237.00		94.8%	250	
Organ and Piano Tuning	-		0%	500	
Presbytery & Conference Dues	11,357.52		100%	11,360	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	767.25		219.2%	350	
Worship Expenses (+Conference Delegate)	562.61		31.3%	1,800	
		13,749.34	86.1%		15,960



<b>EXPENSES</b> (continued)	<i>Year to</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>% of Budget</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>2018</i>
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT					
Children's Time	41.56		20.8%	200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	276.67		55.3%	500	
Leadership Development, Books, Bibles			0%	200	
Library	150.21		30%	500	
Messy Church	-		0%	300	
Special Events	306.93		51.2%	600	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	316.11		126.4%	250	
Youth Work	-		0%	200	
		1,091.48	39.7%		2,750
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Custodial Supplies	1,930.39		62.3%	3,100	
Fuel	10,822.89		98.4%	11,000	
Office Expenses	6,734.50		102%	6,600	
Office Equipment Renewal	8,545.61		122.1%	7,000	
Office Telephone & Internet	1,476.28		82%	1,800	
SLUC Land Registration			0%	5,000	
Utilities	<u>6,232.46</u>		69.2%	<u>10,000</u>	
		35,742.13	82.2%		37,900
BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND					
Elevator Maintenance Contact & Licence	1,147.81		114.8%	1,200	
Fire Monitoring	2,054.18		85.6%	2,400	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	8,887.63		88.9%	10,000	
Insurance	5,809.88		96.8%	<u>6,000</u>	
		17,899.50	92.3%		19,600
CONTINGENCY			0%	<u>2,500</u>	
			0%		<u>2,500</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$233,504.26</b>	94.9%		\$225,660
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		<u>(\$ 6,506.41)</u>			
GENERAL FUND BALANCE at BEGINNING of Year		<u>\$ 16,352.64</u>			
<b>GENERAL FUND BALANCE at END of Year</b>		<u><b>\$ 9,846.23</b></u>			

## STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH DIRECTED FUNDS YEAR END 2018

<i>Category</i>	<i>Balance, Jan. 1, 2018</i>	<i>Received this Year</i>	<i>Paid out this Year</i>	<i>Balance, Dec. 31, 2018</i>
Audio Visual	\$ 92.62	\$	(\$ 92.62)	\$ 0.00
Benevolent Fund	1,028.96	225.00	( 125.00)	1,128.96
Cave Springs Camp Building Fund##	-	11,192.14	( 11,192.14)	0.00
Choirs	1,939.50	5,105.00	( 4,169.68)	2,874.82
Church Garden	705.90		( )	705.90
Dinners		640.30	( )	640.30
Foster Child	2,930.50	-	( 504.00)	2,426.50
Fundscrip	-	5,355.83	( 5,035.00)	320.83
Guardians of Hope	-	865.00	( 865.00)	
In Touch Committee	1,725.87	6,280.50	( 3,315.11)	4,691.26
Investment Holding Account	-	66,615.39	( 66,615.39)	
Java 98	969.55	1,316.80	( 1,855.13)	401.22
Memorial Fund	1,013.63	9,326.60	( )	10,340.23
Mission & Service **	120.00	26,564.66	( 26,694.66)	
Mission Committee	1,801.52	1,948.80	( 2,900.00)	850.32
Niagara Falls Community Outreach	-	1,315.00	( 1,315.00)	
Observer	-	375.00	( 375.00)	
Organ Fund	4,566.23	-	( )	4,566.23
Project Share	10.00	1,460.00	( 1,470.00)	
Roof Reserve Fund++	1,793.70	4,150.00	( 11,529.28)	(5,585.08)
Student Fund	3,569.78	175.00	-	3,744.78
Sunday School	391.30	-	-	391.30
White Gift	20.00	4,741.00	( 4,761.00)	
World Development	-	420.00	( 420.00)	
Youth Work	2,513.62	8,700.00	( 10,238.63)	974.99
<b>TOTAL Directed</b>	<b>\$ 25,192.68</b>	<b>\$ 156,407.52</b>	<b>(\$153,127.64)</b>	<b>\$28,472.56</b>
<i>**Includes \$1,500 from G.N.U.</i>				
<i>##Includes \$2,000 from G.N.U.</i>				
<i>++ Includes \$2,000 from G. N. U. \$700 from Joy Unit &amp; \$350.50 from UCW Pie Sales</i>				

<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
	<b>Scotia Bank</b>	<b>Investors Group</b>
Balance, January 1, 2018	\$ 36,330.36	\$ 595,617.03
Amount Invested		75,615.39
Amount Redeemed	36,431.39	4,500.00
Balance, December 31, 2018	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 646,416.23</b>

Investors received \$30,184 from Niagara Extension Council Grant for Washroom Reno in 2017; \$9,000 from the HST rebate on the Washroom Reno and \$36,431.39 – the balance of the GIC redeemed at Scotia Bank

# STAMFORD LANE UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED BUDGET 2019

	Actual, 2018		Budget, 2018		Proposed, 2019	
<b>SALARIES</b>						
Minister's Salary	\$75,225		\$75,225		\$81,270	
Minister's Housing						
Minister's Travel Allowance	2,642		4,000		4,000	
Music Director's Salary	21,226		20,226		12,000	
Music Accompanist's Salary	1,000				12,000	
Administrative Assistant's Salary	15,675		15,675		15,930	
Church Custodian's Salary	17,877		17,877		18,168	
Supply – Sabbatical, Pulpit, Organ, Custodian	5,457		4,000		4,000	
		\$139,102		\$137,003		\$147,368
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>						
Church's Share of Employees' Benefits	23,106		22,000		26,800	
Minister's Continuing Education & Book Allowance	1,452		1,452		1,476	
Organist's Conference Expenses	1,362		1,500		-	
		25,920		24,952		28,276
<b>WORSHIP AND SERVICE</b>						
Advertising			100		100	
Appreciation Garden	624		400		400	
Choir Expenses	200		750		500	
Fellowship Hour	0		450		250	
Licencing CCLI	237		250		250	
Organ & Piano Tuning			500		500	
Presbytery & Conference Dues	11,358		11,360		9,530	
Sanctuary Flowers, Gifts	767		350		500	
Worship Expenses (including Conference Delegate)	563		1,800		750	
		13,749		15,960		12,780
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION &amp; DEVELOPMENT</b>						
Children's Time	42		200		200	
Financial Assistance – Cave Springs Camp	277		500		500	
Leadership development, Books, Bibles			200		200	
Library	150		500		500	
Messy Church			300		300	
Special Events	307		600		600	
Sunday School Supplies & Curriculum	316		250		250	
Youth Work			200		200	
		1,092		2,750		2,750
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>						
Custodial Supplies	1,930		3,100		3,100	
Fuel	10,823		11,000		12,000	
Office Expenses	6,735		6,600		7,000	
Office Equipment Renewal	8,546		7,000			
Office Telephone & Internet	1,476		1,800		1,800	
SLUC Land Registration			5,000		5,000	
Utilities	6,232		9,000		9,000	
		35,742		43,500		37,900
<b>BUILDING MAINTENANCE</b>						
Elevator Maintenance Contract & Licence	1,148		1,000		5,200	
Fire Monitoring	2,054		2,400		2,400	
General Repairs, Equipment & Maintenance	8,888		10,000		10,000	
Insurance	5,810		6,000		6,000	
		17,900		19,400		23,600
<b>CONTINGENCY</b>			2,500		2,500	
				2,500		2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$233,505		\$246,065		\$255,174
<b>MISSION AND SERVICE GOAL</b>		\$		\$25,000		\$25,000

# Stamford Lane United Church

**Fri. Feb. 1 In-Touch Luncheon 12:15pm**

## **Feb 3 Annual Congregational Meeting**

Luke 5:1-11

Worship, Lunch, Meeting

Please bring sandwiches or sweets to share.

You are invited to join the Church Council.

Speak to Barbara Cole or Dan Taylor

**Wed. Feb. 6 Committees 7:00pm,  
Council 7:45pm**



## **Feb 10 Building the Kingdom**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Intergenerational Worship and

### **A Valentines Family Event**

*All children and youth are invited to sign up for a very special lunch with your Parents and Grandparents after Church together. Formal dress: red, white, pink or black. Must sign up or RSVP [office@stamfordlaneunited.ca](mailto:office@stamfordlaneunited.ca) Food, Photos, Fun activities!*

## **Feb 17 Beatitudes**

Luke 6:17-26

## **Feb 24 The Golden Rule**

Luke 6:27-38

**Fri. Mar. 1 In-Touch Luncheon 12:30pm**



# TRIVIA

Night



**Sat. Mar. 2 Chili & Trivia Night**

*Hosted by Good News Women \$20*

## **Mar 3 Transfiguration**

Luke 9:28-43

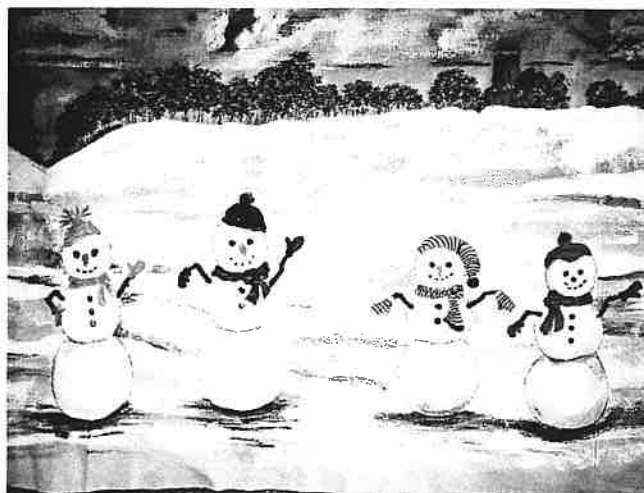
**Sat. Mar. 9: Java 98 Coffee House**

## **Mar 10 Lent 1 Mission Sunday**

Get your ticket to lunch.



*Thank you for all your support.*



**Praise Team  
Quilt With Us  
Walk With Us  
Bible Study  
Restorative Yoga  
Restorative Yoga  
Good News Women  
Hatha Yoga  
Rainbow Ringers  
Explorers  
Adult Choir  
Sew With Us  
In-Touch Luncheon  
Faith and Light  
Children's Choir  
Teen Choir  
Java 98 March & April  
Sunday School  
Worship**

**Mon. 7-8pm  
Mon. 10-2pm  
Mon. 10-11am  
Tues. 6:30-8pm  
Tues. 10-11am  
Wed. 7-8pm  
2nd Wed. 7pm  
Thurs. 10:30-11:30am  
Thurs. 6:30-7:45pm  
Thurs. 6:45-8pm  
Thurs. 8-9:30pm  
Fri. 10-2pm  
1st Fri. 12:15pm  
2nd Fri. 6-9pm  
Sat. 11:30am  
Sat. 12:00am  
2nd Sat. 7-10pm  
Sun. 10:00am  
Sun. 10:00am**



Stamford United was the first to respond with a pledge of \$10,000, we are truly honoured at their support and generosity. Additionally the church raised \$1,052 towards Legacy Hall Project. Shown above from left to right are: Alex Sillett; Carolyn Hoxie; Ellie and Evan Gillespie.