



2018



TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT



*To walk with God and each other: In a Spirit of
openness, friendliness and joy; Nurturing Christian
spiritual growth; Reaching out to care for those in
need.*

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Chris Gavard	690 7226
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Out of the Cold Dinner Co-ordinators

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Canadian Shield Regional Representatives

Mardi Mumford *	692 9520
Pam Brown *	822 4004

_ * Member of Council

Rev. Kathy Dahmer is an ex officio member of all Committees

Outside groups that regularly meet in the Church

Lively AA Group – Meets Monday Evenings at 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Taoist Tai Chi Classes – Tuesday & Thursday mornings 10a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ukulele Club - Tuesday Evenings 6:30 p.m.

Active Start (Special Olympics) - Saturday mornings 9:30 to 11:30am

AGENDA - 2018 AGM

Trinity United Church Annual General Meeting
March 24, 2019 12:00pm
Lively, ON

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer, Call to Order
 2. Appoint Chair
 3. Quorum Declared,
 4. Voting Privileges:
 5. Adoption of the Agenda:
 6. Approval of the minutes from AGM March 1, 2018:
 7. Reports:
 - a. Council
 - b. Property
 - c. Ministry and Personnel
 - d. Mission and Outreach
 - e. Faith Formation & Christian Education
 - f. Worship
 - g. Presbytery
 - h. Spirit
 - i. Memorial Fund
 - j. Team Access
 - k. Stewardship
 - l. Finance review for 2018
 8. Proposed Budget 2019
 9. Election of Officers and Canadian Shield representatives
 10. New Business
 11. Adjournment
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Minutes from the AGM March 4, 2018

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, LIVELY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

Opening Prayer

Rev. Kathy Dahmer opened the meeting in prayer.

Chair and Recording Secretary

MOTION: Moved by Kate Gravelle, seconded by Marg Watts, that we accept John Perry as Chair, and Ann Roy as Secretary, for this meeting. CARRIED.

Declaring a Quorum, Voting Privileges

Chair John Perry declared a quorum, as we exceeded the 20 members required. As well, Rev. Kathy Dahmer is present to make quorum.

MOTION: Moved by Lori Foy, seconded by Del Nussey, that we extend voting privileges to all adherents present. CARRIED.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Moved by Mike Pushman, seconded by Linda Pulliah, that the Agenda for this Annual General Meeting for Trinity United Church, Lively, be adopted, as presented. CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Moved by Donna Linville, seconded by Nancy Nadjiwon, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for Trinity United Church, Lively, of March 5, 2017, be accepted. CARRIED.

REPORTS

Council Report

In Chair Peter George's absence, Rev. Kathy Dahmer thanked Council for their work and dedication over the past year.

Property Committee (Trustees)

Mike Pushman thanked the Committee for their hard work, and noted the addition of Doug Wilkin and Larry Roy to the Committee.

Ministry & Personnel

Mardi Mumford thanked the Committee, Lynne Bruce, Linda Pulliah and Don McLeod for their work, especially with all that was involved in the retirement of Wendy Syvannen, and the search and hiring of the new Secretary, Diane Tait.

Mission & Outreach

Kate Gravelle thanked the Committee members, adding that she was very proud of the Committee and the Church community.

Responding to a question, Steven noted that Mission and Service donations will solely be used to fund Church's ministry and mission. Diane Tait noted that anyone wishing to change their M&S donation through PAR can contact her and she will see that this is done.

MOTION: Moved by Kate Gravelle, seconded by Nancy Nadjiwon, that the fundraising goal of \$5,000.00 for the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada be approved. CARRIED.

Faith Formation & Christian Education

Diane thanked the Committee members Kristen Gibeault, Debbie Vipond, Marilyn Simpson, Danielle Bucknell, and introduced Robyn Moffatt as the new Chair.

Worship

Pam Brown thanked the Worship Team members, Rev. Kathy Dahmer, Liz Chorkawy, Sue Leblanc, Bryan Chisnell, and newest members Gaetanne Evans, Janet Villeneuve and Adrien Gravelle, and especially acknowledged the team for their part in making Wendy Syvanen's farewell the awesome event it was.

Presbytery

Mardi Mumford thanked Rev. Kathy Dahmer and Pam Brown for their work at Presbytery.

Spirit

Pat Sein thanked Committee members Cathy Aiken, Merci Black, Liz Chorkawy, Barb Cote, Lynda Couillard, Lynne Cox, Gaetanne Evans, Debbie Heins, Donna Linville, Nancy Nadjiwon, Linda Pulliah, Lee Rysdale, and Betty Walton.

Finance

Steven Back thanked the Finance Committee. Steven noted that although the bank account is in the black, operating costs are rising, and in order to remain in the black Finance is proposing a target of 5% increase to Sunday offering givings and an additional \$6,000.00 in fundraising. In answer to a question, Steven noted that the new model incorporates regional costs of living into salary, thus Rev. Kathy's housing allowance is no longer a separate payment.

The Manse Fund was explained.

Approval of Committee & Financial Reports

MOTION: Moved by Sue Leblanc, seconded by Janet Villeneuve, that all the above Committee and Financial Reports in the Annual Report be accepted. CARRIED.

Proposed Budget 2018

MOTION: Moved by Steven Back, seconded by Jason Tait, that we accept the 2018 budget.
CARRIED.

Election of Slate of Officers

Peter George - Chair
John Perry - Vice Chair
Linda Pushman - Secretary
Mardi Mumford - Presbytery Representative
Pam Brown - Presbytery Representative

MOTION: Moved by Janet Villeneuve, seconded by Kate Gravelle, that we accept these nominations. CARRIED.

Discerning Our Future

Trinity in 5 years:

- everyone's talent is utilized and everyone is included
- sold out crowd for Kids' Club
- wireless mikes
- call in for worship Sunday morning virtually (on-line)
- more youth presence, Out of the Cold, expand outreach, more gigs
- coffee downtown
- Noah's Hub - youth outreach (food truck)
- seamless volunteer
- making a connection with community in need
- Memorial Services - honouring members
- Fall Fair, fish fry, trivia night VBS
- more presence in community papers
- reach out to more people who cannot attend Church - shut-ins
- community garden - Social Planning, summer students
- "We are Survivors - Alive and Kicking" - improve on our branding
- planting trees in memorial, Confirmation

New Business

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Moved by Pam Brown, seconded by Grant Vipond, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

Attendance:

Ann Roy	Steven Back	Adrien Gravelle	Kate Gravelle
Del Nussey	Marg Watts	Kristin Gibeault	Mike Pushman
Nancy Smith	Donna Linville	Susanne LeBlanc	Janet Villeneuve
Barbara Gagnon	Betty Zeitz	Mardi Mumford	Lynne Cox
Pam Brown	Grant Vipond	Debbie Vipond	Nancy Nadjiwon
John Perry	Isabel Brouse	Frances Deminion	Lynda Couillard
Bryan Chisnell	Heather Taylor	Marilyn Simpson	Helen Gavard
Pat Sein	Rod Sein	Lori Foy	Gary Foy
Arlene Wunsch	Debbie Morrow	Linda Pulliah	Jason Tait
Diane Tait	Thomas Horne	Chantal Marchand	Larry Roy
Barbara Gilchrist	Wendy Thompson	Bob Hobden	Rev. Kathy Dahmer

Membership Stats

ROLLS AND RECORDS

Pastoral Charge -	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	
	121	123	124	members
	208	206	147	adherents
	<u>18</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	non-residents members
	349	353		

Number of households under Pastoral Care - **160**

Children's Activities:

- Junior Youth Ages 12-13 - **15**
- Senior Youth Ages 14-18 - **16**
- VBS - **32** children **16** youth **24** adults
- Sunday School - **10** children **3** adults
- Niagara Youth Festival - **14** youth, **5** adults
- Summer at Anderson Farm - **3** youth, **3** adults
- Silver Lake Summer Camp - **10** youth, **1** leadership
- Children's Music Club (Sept -Dec.) **22** children, **5** adults
- Northern Youth Camp **12** youth **5** leadership

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH/REAFFIRMATION

"Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family..." VU395

2016 - 0 2017 - 12 **2018 - 0**

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY BAPTISM

"I was there to hear your borning cry,I'll be there when you are old, I rejoiced the day your were baptized to see your life unfold..." VU644

2016 – 2 2017 – 5 **2018 – 2**

Owen Kunto Anielia Watts

WEDDINGS

2016 – 2 2017 – 4 **2018 – 2**

Ayden Robertson & Meghan Ley Ben Mercer & Chantal Marchand

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

2016 – 0 2017 – 0 **2018 – 0**

MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER

2016 – 0 2017 – 0 **2018 – 2**

Cathy Aiken Jean Kulmala

MEMBERS REMOVED BY DEATH

"When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise!" VU644

2016 – 6 2017 – 2 **2018 – 4**

Irma Kaatari Gord Campbell Isobel Young June Martin

ADHERENTS REMOVED BY DEATH

Madeline Lane Brenda Holla Maria Wall (Meadowbrook)

Submitted by Mardi Mumford & Rev Kathy

WORSHIP

Minister's Report



June Martin gave me a little sign that said, “O Lord help me to be the person my dog thinks I am”. It’s a solid prayer request. And if you’re a dog person you get it and if you’re not I hope you’ve experienced what it is to have a pet love you unconditionally. Sometime in the blur of this past fall we had to put our golden retriever down. She would have been 14 years old this March, she had a very good life. She was named socks for her white paws and the rest of her was a golden red. I remember the day I took Kate from JK to just go ‘look at the puppies’; fast forward hours later and she’s running across the lawn with socks in her arms to greet Larry as he came home from work. “Look Daddy, we got a puppy!” to which he replied, “I see that” and

the deal was done. I miss her. She was my dog, she waited for me every day at the top of the stairs for me to come home, she followed me all over the house and she slept every night on the floor beside my bed. She got sick very fast and I knew it was time to make the decision. I sat with her on the floor, she was too sick to lift her head but every time I touched her she wagged her tail making a thump, thump, thump on the floor. I will spare you the details of the rest of the day but as you can imagine it was very painful, I remember feeling actual pain in my heart once she was gone. I know some people who have decided they will never have a pet because of this kind of pain. I know some people who leave ministry because of this kind of pain. When I was first ordained I had a seasoned minister say to me she knew it was time to leave a church when it became too hard to do funerals, she felt like she was having to bury her friends. In my naivete I thought that was a poor reason to leave a church, now almost 9 years in and I get it. I still disagree with her, but I understand her reasoning because I understand the pain.

This report will be chock full of so many good things going on at Trinity. You will read page after page about successful programs, events, fundraisers and the work of many committees and more volunteers than we can count. Our annual report tells a story of a vibrant and deeply committed church family; our annual report

reminds us that we have been busy. But the annual report can't tell the whole story; the rest of the story is all that we share in worship, in prayer together, during coffee time or shoulder to shoulder in the kitchen. It's the checking in on each other about how that appointment went, it's about noticing when someone has been away, or letting me know someone isn't well, it's about sharing with each other- our hard news- the diagnosis, the loss, the worry, the what if's. It's about standing in the gap when there's nothing to be done- except pray or bake, or knit something to wrap around us. The truth is when one of us hurts we all hurt and how do we tell that story? I don't think we can, I think we just continue to live it as hard and as painful as it is, because that's what it means to be family. Grief is cumulative and overwhelming, it can make us shut down when it feels like too much. It can cause ministers to move on, it can cause congregants to stop coming to church, grief can cause us to avoid the family in an attempt to avoid the pain. Grief can blur the story- the long view, the bigger picture- we can lose sight of the distance we've come, the memories we've shared, the moments we cherished and our hope, that death doesn't get the last word.

As I sat with Socks that day I was remembering so much of our lives we shared together, so many memories sealed into my mind. I knew there were times I took her for granted, I knew there were times taking care of her was a chore and I knew there were times I didn't give her the attention she deserved, but there was also the way I talked to her, the way we cuddled, the way I kissed her sleepy face when I came home, it was me she came to when she was hurting or needed something, we understood each other I swear she understood English. Bottom line, she knew she was loved, she knew she was my girl. I miss her and it hurts, but it was worth it and I'd do it again.

Our AGM reports are the bricks of our ministry, but the loving each other even when it hurts- that's the mortar that holds it all together. May we look up from our work and see what is in front of us, may we cherish moments that we share because we know life can change in just a moment. May we not take our faith, our days or each other for granted. May we pause to be grateful for the journeys we've shared together, the joy and the pain. And may we hold tight together as a family bound by our faith that stands firm in life, in death and life beyond death. God is with us, we are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Submitted by Rev Kathy

Worship Committee

“Our Challenge is to Walk with God and Each Other”. These words begin our church statement and are bookends to the Worship Team’s role at Trinity. We hold fast to this challenge of how the worship experience can be a rich, meaningful and expressive encounter for all. The Team meets regularly for planning of ongoing activities such as Communion, Baptisms and Weddings as well as provide leadership in some services. With great interest, we also connect in *“Think Tanks”* where we brainstorm and consider, in a deeper dive, Advent and Lenten themes.

The Ash Wednesday service, we professed, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief” (Mark 9:24), exposing us to the Lenten Season. We participated in weekly Communion and were grateful for Rev. Kathy to have the sanctuary filled with the aroma of fresh bread as we entered. This enticement was intentional as we were encouraged that whatever our hunger, we could come to the Table and take as much as we needed. The season allowed for quiet *Announcement Time* to help us settle into a Worship of Covenant lessons and learning. Rev. Kathy’s Meditations focus of “Being Rescued”, “We’re In Relationship” and “We are A Treasure” was rich and memorable as we “journeyed to Jerusalem”. Our Call to Worship was enhanced as we could visualize the words Rev. Kathy signed in the refrain of “Amazing Grace each week, **“.....that saved a wretch like me – I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see”**”.

March began with Trinity hosting the annual *World Day of Prayer* service. Trinity hosted and welcomed local Christian faith churches, celebrating and learned about the country of Suriname. Also in early March at Trinity’s AGM, the Worship Team was named, acknowledged and thanks was given thanks for all of their offerings provided throughout the year. Gaetanne Evans, Janet Villeneuve and Adrien Gravelle were welcomed ‘officially’ to the Team.

A Maundy Thursday Service included acts of washing and drying each other’s hands and loving our neighbour, as Jesus taught us. We ended our evening with a nourishing meal around His Table - a feast of fresh bread, honey and butter, jam and tart lemonade. The Good Friday Service was deeply powerful as the Worship Team played various roles of that terrible day....And in each dialogue, the speaker uttered an admittance of “Yes.... I was there...”

We were graced with a Brass Quartet for our Easter Celebration - what a gift! Once we had heard the Good News and collectively dressed the Cross with a garden of fresh flowers, we were privileged to hear a brilliant masterpiece of Praise with the presentation of the Hallelujah Chorus. It was simply awesome!

“In life, in death, in life beyond death - God is with us...” we know these words in the United Church Creed. This year, Trinity spent many Sunday services singing it as our offertory. We witnessed various children, youth, young and older adults stand at the front, helping to

lead the congregation with the movements that accompany these powerful lyrics. How beautiful it is to be in this sacred space and hold the hand of a neighbour and celebrate the presence of God.

Each Trinity service begins by Acknowledging the Traditional Territory in which we live, play and raise our families. We are grateful for the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek for their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. On September 30, we celebrated **Orange Shirt Day**, sharing its story. Special guest, Lana Parenteau, working in Outreach and Support in the Indigenous community shared the impact of residential schools on 4 generations of her family. She spoke of healing and forgiveness.



Worship experience in music throughout the year is celebrated with the Trinity Choir, offering their gift of song almost weekly. We are also graced by the Trinity Band who provides dynamic Ministry during our Intergenerational Services. We enjoy singing both traditional and contemporary praise music, and particularly love pieces such like 'Holy Holy Holy', 'Reckless Love' and 'My Lighthouse'. Earth Day was celebrated with song as Rebecca and Jeff Wiseman along with Kate Dahmer filled the space with beautiful melody. In addition to the Northern Brass Quintet's sharing at Easter, the North Winds Quintet provided special music to kick off the Advent season and the Trinity Kids Club shared their performance during the Advent II service. On Christmas Eve, we were serenaded to the Table for

Communion with the voices of Cassandra and Adam Walli, and Kate Dahmer. All of these music experiences are "Trinity Worship".

At times throughout the year, during Rev. Kathy's vacation, Youth Ministry work or educational leave, we are blessed as a Worship Team to lead services. In addition, we acknowledge worship offerings from Diane Tait, Del Nussey, Kate Gravelle and Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales.

The Advent Season brought us "A Manger Dilemma" as each character in the Christmas Story was faced with a Dilemma - and it involved answering 'Yes'. Handcrafted wooden Manger ornaments were a gift made by Kate Gravelle for Trinity families. Personal sharing along with a specific videos were also provided weekly (Adrien Gravelle, Gillian MacIntyre, Cody Chisnell, Amanda Thompson and Diane Tait) to coincide with the Meditation and Scripture. Kristin



Gibeault beautifully presented a *Godly Play* series of the Christmas Story to both children and adults throughout Advent as well as the Christmas Eve 4pm service. This year, in addition to handing out apples and oranges to families, the Christmas Story was shared in a clever way through M&M's.

The Longest Night Service was a very well attended, meaningful service providing comfort and care, along with healing prayer stations and intensional candle lighting shared by community area churches as Trinity hosted.

Christmas Day, once again remains an intimate sharing service with kneeling prayers, singing and fellowship.... And of course, a Birthday Song for Jesus and Cake! The year rounded out with the Worship Team, along with helpers, leading a unique *Lessons and Carols Service* on December 30th.

Trinity continues to be blessed beyond measure for the depth of leadership, Spiritual knowledge and experience provided by Rev. Kathy Dahmer - we lean in to hear Messages of Hope and Inspiration weekly.

Worship is Joy at Trinity.

Pam Brown, Chair of the Worship Team

Choir

Choir Members

Linda Couillard, Donna Linville, Betty Walton, Lori Foy, Pat Sein, June Martin, Ann Roy, Liz Chorkawy, Kate Gravelle, Danica Thompson, Nancy Smith, Nancy Nadjiwon, Linda Pulliah, , Amanda Thompson, Rod Sein, Bob Hobden, and Grant Vipond

Pianists

Stacey Foy, Cathy Sadder Wise and Jody Wall, also Trycia Simpson on a casual basis.



The choir provides leadership for the hymns during the service and continues to sing anthems regularly.

We were pleased to participate in the Copper Cliff Christmas concert on the first Sunday of December. Not only did we enjoy singing two of our own pieces but the opportunity to sing with the massed choir under the leadership of Janet Evans is greatly appreciated.

Sadly, our long time member and friend June Martin, died in November. We all miss her sweet voice and sense of humour. She was always quick to laugh and share a joke. We followed through with her request to sing one of her favourite hymns at her funeral.

The choir practices on Thursday evenings. New members are always welcome, and we learn anthems a few weeks ahead with the understanding that choir members may not always be able to attend practice.

Thank you to all who share their talents and time, adding so much to Trinity's music ministry.

Submitted by Sue LeBlanc

Prayer Group

“Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them.” Matthew 12:20

Our Trinity prayer group resumed in September on Thursdays at 9:00am and is led by Reverend Kathy Dahmer.

Our lives, as well as those of our families, and others we care about, are often impacted by sickness, trauma, worry and grief. Prayer group offers participants a quiet place for reflection. We also enjoy the opportunity to share experiences and engage in spiritual growth through the Bible as well as Christian music and writings. Time is spent in praying together for those in our lives and beyond, who are experiencing difficulties . It is also a safe place to just be still and present.

All are welcome.

Submitted by Lynne Bruce



EDUCATION

Christian Education Committee

This year has been a busy year with fundraisers and youth activities. There have been many laughs and moving moments. Youth have grown spiritually through the guidance of our dedicated leaders and the retreats.

Ministries that come under the responsibility of the Christian Education Committee:

Youth group, Jr and Sr., Sunday School, Kid's Club, Confirmation, Women's Retreat, Book Studies, Lenten Studies, Regional Youth Ministry (formerly Manitou Conference-ie- Worshiplude, Youth Forum, Niagara Youth Festival)

Fundraisers:

January 14, 2018, we had chilli fundraiser after church. The youth helped set up and take down and we had many donated pots of chilli. After chilli there was a hockey game at the outdoor rink.

February 10, 2018, we had boards game café night. We had food and drink to purchase and youth helped run the night. All ages were welcomed and about 30ish people attended. Many games were played, and fun had by all.

Wednesday nights all summer long Diane, Kristin and Pam baked cookies for Rock the Farm. Sold out every Wednesday night.

Youth activities:

January 19-21st, 2018, the junior youth went to Shalom By the Lake for a youth retreat with Pelham community church. We had 10 youth attend with 3 leaders. (Diane Tait, Melissa and Kevin McCallister) This was a huge success and look forward to attending in the future.

February 2-4, 2018, the senior youth went to Worshiplude. We had 12 youth go with 3 leaders Mike Pushman, Rick Wise and Rev. Kathy. Fun was had by all.

May 18-21, 2018, the senior youth had Pitch and Praise. We had 9 youth and four leaders Diane Tait, Pam Brown, Roseanne and Dave Nault attend. This was a very successful event and will be planning to go again next year 2019.

June 8-10, 2018, the senior youth had Youth Forum at Trinity United Church in North Bay. There was 10 youth who attended with leaders Diane Tait and Kristin Gibeault.

July 13-15, 2018, Northern Youth Camp for High-school Youth at Hannah Lake. 12 attended from Trinity- to make a total of 27 campers, and 9 youth leaders, we welcomed Kevin Makins from Hamilton as our keynote speaker, as well Ethan Evans and Jeff Mailloux were

the program team. Rev Adam Kilner and Ethan Evans headed up the music for the camp. This program was a pilot project for the region to bring youth camp to the north. It was a fantastic success and we can't wait until next year.

July 23-27, 2018, Vacation Bible School. 32 children attended and the week required the work of over 30 volunteers. Diane Tait and Rev Kathy directed the camp again this year. Camp registration is \$10 per day or \$40 per week. VBS contributes to the general fund every summer.

September 2018- confirmation class started. Leadership is Rev. Kathy, Diane Tait, Ethan Evans and Taylor Chisnel. Currently there are 7 youth and 3 adult confirmands.

Marilyn Simpson has resigned from the Christian Education Committee, we are deeply grateful for her wisdom, support, encouragement and investment in Christian Education. Thank you Marilyn.

This year we are looking to expand to adult education and continue our work with youth. We are always eager to welcome new members to our committee.

Submitted by Robyn Back & Rev Kathy

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Sunday School

Sunday School generally runs year long, during Sunday service. Some Sundays we have only 1 or 2 kids join us, but there are those other days where we can have up to 10 or 12 come downstairs to our little nook, games are always way more fun with lots of kids. This year we were able to spend many summer days outdoors, enjoying God's creation. Weeding and planting the garden, playing in the back field, even enjoying the playground on occasion.

We ended the year learning about our various talents, how we can use them for the betterment of our church and community, and also about the

legacies we, and others leave. We spent time learning new skills, baking, sewing, crafting, and created many wonderful treats and crafts that were donated to the Sweets and Treats auction in December.

I will be leaving Trinity as a Sunday School teacher, but we have welcomed Gillian McIntyre into our cozy nook, and I trust she will love these kids, as I have loved them and watched them grow these past years.

Submitted by Diane Tait

Junior Youth

We have had another great year of Junior Youth. We were able to participate in a Junior Youth retreat hosted by Pelham Community Church at Shalom By The Lake in the Algonquin Highlands.

The weather was beautiful, and the youth were involved in Skating, Skiing, snowshoeing, sliding on a tube hill, obstacle courses, games and group time with the youth from Pelham.

We had 10 youth and 3 leaders. Thank you to Melissa and Kevin McAllister for heading out on a new adventure with us.

We also joined together for some fun nights of bowling, board games, sliding, and much more. Many Junior youth came out Wednesday nights to Anderson Farm for Rock the Farm, we set up tents and tables, and sold monster cookies to raise funds for various events.

Looking forward to another great year.

Submitted by Diane Tait

Senior Youth



For high schooler's, the Senior Youth at Trinity have carved out a soft spot in the hearts of their leaders: Kristin Gibeaut, Robyn Moffat, Mike Pushman, Rick Wise, Diane Tait, Rev. Kathy Dahmer and Pam Brown. We're experiencing that the Sr. Youth is now expanding to College and University age and so blessed with those who have been stepping forward to provide leadership in our youth children's ministries!

We LOVE hanging out with these young people!! If you read through the Faith Formations report, you'll see the awesome ways and places we have connected with youth both locally, provincially and nationally! Yes, we showed up to Worshiplude in Ottawa, Niagara Youth Festival, Manitou Conference in North Bay, Silver Lake Youth and Leadership Camps in Kincardine, Pitch 'n Praise in Paris (Ontario, that is!), and Northern Youth Camp close by at Hannah Lake and Summer *Rock the Farm* activities - What a time we've had!!! We can't forget Sponge Wars, Gaga Ball and Watchdog as best loved games....leaders too!

We are particularly grateful for Rev. Kathy who cares so deeply about youth leadership and the importance of investment in relationships. She works tirelessly to write, submit and secure funding and grants, chases youth for consent forms and confirmation of attendance because of a firm belief that effective Youth Ministry is a significant foundation for life. For the Leaders, her modelling makes way for us to bring selfless stewardship. We are thrilled

as 3 Jr. Leaders who not so long ago were in the Sr. Youth Group, attended Leadership Development Camp and had summer employment in United Church Camps! Their presence and involvement is a testament to the importance of these relationships! Everyone belongs!

Of all of what the Youth have experienced this year, it's not difficult to witness that something really great is going on here. It's greatness can be measured by the laughter at Christmas as we collectively made a Mexican meal from scratch in the Trinity kitchen and dined together around a family table... simply enjoying each other's company. And by far, God's greatness was beautifully exposed around a roaring campfire at Greg Chisnell's place on a September night.... Where after all the shenanigans had levelled, after singing classic hits and famous show tunes, what the youth just wanted to sing was a Christian love song, entitled "**Reckless Love**". This song about God's overwhelming, never-ending reckless love for us, is what the Trinity Youth wanted as their serenade.... Now that is Great...

Submitted by Pam Brown, Sr. Youth Leader

Confirmation

It's another confirmation year! We began September 30th and we meet once a month. We have 7 youth and 3 adults participating this year. Diane Tait and Rev. Kathy are thrilled to welcome Ethan Evans back as a co-facilitator as well as have Taylor Chisnell join the team.



The confirmation class meets from September to June and becomes a tight knit group by the end. We focus on one part of

the New Creed at every class, which involves activities, discussion, games and skits. Our goal is to seek to understand more about what it means to be a Christ follower. Most confirmands have been baptised as infants, (although some have never been baptized) and confirmation is the journey toward taking on faith for themselves. We invite all the confirmands to explore and investigate the faith they were baptized into, to discern if they would like to confirm faith for themselves. If they choose to confirm their baptism, (and some will be requesting baptism) they are confirming they desire to continue on this journey of faith and at the same time becoming full members of Trinity United Church.

Submitted by Rev Kathy

VBS 2018 - Sonforce Kids Special Agent Training Camp!

We had a fantastic week in July with 32 children in attendance for our week of VBS. Camp runs from 8:30am-11:30 daily, but the building is usually a buzz by 8am as many volunteers are in and setting up their stations for the day. Each morning we begin in the sanctuary with all the leaders and children, we sing and dance, learn actions to songs and find out what our mission is for the day. As special agents we wondered each day what was going to happen at that special agent headquarters. Special thanks to Bob, Claire, Gaetanne, Barb and Maddy for bring such fun drama to our openings each day. Children are divided into groups by age and their leaders take to them four different stations throughout the morning. Each station has site leaders running the program, this year our groups visited the following stations; Games, Bible story, Crafts and Code Mobile. Special thanks to the Code Mobile Team who spent every morning with us, bringing technology and gadgets and hosted an interactive learning station about creating, working with and breaking codes. Each day after two station rotations we stopped for snack time together, the oldest group always looked forward to their snack time in Chorkawry Cafe, complete with couches, tables, carpet and a giant Jenga game generously made and donated by Bill Evans. We are so blessed to have many adult leaders who were able to lead groups as well as site stations. We are grateful for the youth who we need to help with groups and stations, it is a fantastic way for them to collect their volunteer hours required for high school. Many other volunteers help with registration, snack station, VBS set up and take down. It is an exciting and exhausting week that could not happen without the help of so many.



Trinity continues to be a church that is engaged with the community and we are a trusted place for children to come for excellent programming. Many of the children are from the community and now attend every year, we as a church are slowing building relationships with these families, often those who attend VBS begin to attend kids club. We are grateful for the community support and special thanks to Walden Public School who allows us each summer to borrow all our needed games equipment for summer programming.

Submitted by Rev Kathy

Kids' Musical

This year our Kids Club took up the challenge of a brand new musical, ***Straight Outta Bethlehem***. It tells the Christmas story through the eyes of a group of orphan children living in Bethlehem at the time of the Census. Living and working at the same Inn that provided a stable for the birth of Jesus, they had a firsthand view of the Christmas story.



Along with a barnyard of singing animals, great disco themed music and jazzy numbers we were treated, in our seventh year, to the seven year itch. We saw it in the form of a lively group of 22 youngsters who couldn't and wouldn't stay still. They loved to dance. Just as well, as the samba and a kick-line were called for. It was also amazing how quickly they picked up the signing for their song, *What Can I Give*. Special thanks to Gillian McIntyre for her signing talents.

As in prior years we started in September, meeting weekly. There was fun and games to start each night (thanks, Diane Tait for your games leadership) and then it was down to work. They worked, and played, hard and did a great job sharing their talents with the community. We started at the Christmas Choir presentation in Copper Cliff, followed up with a performance for the Friendship Centre at the Kinsmen Hall. Then it was on to Meadowbrook and two performances at Trinity, both during a church service and an evening performance for our finale. Thanks to everyone who supported our kids, attending one or many of their performances. Special thanks also to our weekly help from Sue LeBlanc, Lynne Bruce and Mike Chorkawy as well as to Ann Roy who helped with our registrations. Without their support Rev. Kathy would not have been able to focus on teaching the songs and choreography and I could not have focused on making the costumes and teaching the cast their lines and staging with Sue LeBlanc.

Respectfully submitted by Debbie Vipond and Rev. Kathy

Women's Retreat

This year the theme of the women's retreat was Gratitude. As I wrote that, I began to think of all the things that have happened this year that I am grateful for and the women's retreat would be at the top of my list.

What is it about the Women's Retreat that sparks such emotion, such joy, such longing? I think, as humans, we are all longing for something, and the big thing that we are often

longing for is - connection. We want so much to feel connected with our church, with our church family, with each other and with God. I am so grateful for our church and for all the hard work and organizing that goes into making the Women's Retreat such a wonderful weekend to look forward to. I anticipate that week-end for months in advance.

I've had women say that they were hesitant to go to the Women's Retreat because they didn't want to share, to put their lives and their problems out there. They didn't know if they could trust the people they were talking to, etc.

And that's okay. No one needs to go to the Women's Retreat with the idea that they have to share. Everyone had a different idea about why they want to attend the Women's Retreat. It could be as simple as taking in the beautiful view, becoming grateful for what we have, or for the wonderful experiences it could bring. Or it could be solely that we want connection, true connection with God.

And it seems to me that although God lives in our hearts, I look forward all year to reconnecting with him again at Hannah Lake. The view from the shore is magnificent. The peace is all-encompassing.

We spend a lot of time either relaxing or in being in the church. And the church at Hannah Lake feels holy. I think because it is filled with such love.

It's true that many of the women do share their stories. We have come to know that we can trust each other and we know that we will be accepted and supported no matter what we have to share. And we often share laughter and joy, sorrow and pain and in return, we find acceptance, support and love. Mostly, we laugh.

And if it is just connection with God that you want, this is the place to do it.

It's true, I love to go to the Women's Retreat for the relaxation and the fun. But it's also true that I go for the food! There is always hot coffee, cookies and treats, but the meals are terrific, cooked for us by the Finnish women of Hannah Lake who take great pride in trying to make people happy. We had blueberry pie that was to die for and I can still taste the french toast, smothered in fresh blueberries and cream.

Usually after a meal, we would retire to the church to be surrounded by the beautiful music of Sarah Craig and Brenda Boudreau. These talented ladies were outstanding. We were permitted to just 'gell' in the music, to feel it enter our souls, and to enjoy it on a level and a depth that I had never witnessed before. Sarah would often be moved to tears as she spoke and sang about her love for God and I, for one, was always inspired by her passion.

I was also grateful for Emily who had us doing yoga at 8:00 a.m. in the morning. Yoga to the peace and quiet of the lake, as we moved and listened to the sounds of the loons, and the ducks and geese as they started their day.

Best of all, I loved the sermons and communion. To me it is all about communion, community and connection, sharing and caring and being welcomed and feeling loved. Because you are surrounded by people who are loving and kind, it made you aware that God loves you too, even if bad things are happening in your life, especially if bad things are happening in your life. God is there. He loves you and is walking with you.

I loved having permission to share my story and to cry. And I felt honoured when others shared their story with me. The women were so brave and so honest. It touched me to the core. The camaraderie around the fire and in the sauna and the late night swims were fabulous.

God walks the shores of Hannah Lake and He holds out his hands to me and I come away feeling loved and treasured and I felt supported and accepted and the gratitude stays in my heart for a long time.

Will I go to Hanna Lake again next year? You bet I will.

Submitted by Del Nussey

Men's Canoe Trip

This past September 15,16, 2018 nice men participated in the annual Trinity Testosterones canoe trip. This was our second time going to Boom Island in the French River Delta, which is about an hour and a half drive south west of Sudbury.

While there, some of the braver men, enjoyed a refreshing dive into the nippy waters of the French River! Then, there was a welcoming time, warming by the fire. We engaged in Christian fellowship with each other, over hearty meals and laughter.

With a winter wonderland outside in northern Ontario at present, it is hard to think about plying the waters of lakes nearby, but it will come soon enough. This year's trip will be a challenge to find new routes, so I welcome input as to where we can explore next September. We always welcome new participants to join our "band of brothers."

Respectfully submitted by – Grant Vipond, Trip Convener

SERVICE

Council Report

Mission: To provide the leadership, discernment and oversight required for Trinity United Church to fulfill its Mission and challenge, as a faithful Congregation of the United Church of Canada

Members: Peter George-Chair, John Perry - vice-chair, Karen McLeod secretary, Steven Back- treasurer, Mardi Mumford-presbytery representative, Rev Kathy Dahmer, Committee designates.

Council met five times during the year and the executive committee met once.

I would like to thank all the committee chairs and the committee members for their dedication and many hours organizing activities. Also would like to thank the dedicated turkey supper group lead by Gaetanne Evans , also Doug Wilkin and his team for organizing the annual fish fry, and other leaders who organize successful fundraisers without which the church finances would be sadly lacking. Our youth leaders Dianne, Robyn and Kristen deserve much praise for going above and beyond normal efforts to engage the youth of our community. Council also would like to acknowledge the many members that also deserve a big thank you who give generously of their time to help others outside of our Trinity Community. I would also like to thank Rev Kathy for her support and guidance during the past year.

This annual report documents the many activities that Trinity United Church Lively facilitates during the year and as you read it you will realize the value of your support to our community.

Our committees have a full slate of projects for the coming year ranging from youth programs to building maintenance and I urge you all to support these committees with your resources whether they are monetary or your personal involvement.

As I write this report our Finance Committee is developing a new budget for 2019 that will highlight our monetary challenges and I urge you to study this completed budget at the end of this Annual Report and think how you can contribute to our success.

Our challenge presents us with new opportunities to serve God with our gifts.

I look forward to serving you in the year ahead and pray that the Lord Jesus continues to light our way.

Respectfully submitted by Peter George

Property and Trustees

Mission: To ensure that the real property and manse investment fund of Trinity United Church is legally secured and maintained.

Members: Mike Pushman (Co-Chair), Chris Gavard, Bill Evans, Earl Mumford, Doug Wilkin, Ed Cretzman, Grant Vipond, Adrian Gravelle, Jason Tait, Mike Chorkawy (Chair)

Ex officio members: Rev Kathy Dahmer

2018 in Review

Many small issues/problems identified and resolved

Insurance: Renewal with the Co-Operators cost at \$4022, slightly down from previous year!

Roof: Roof and shingles standing up to their task.

Building: Ladies Washroom upgraded, carpeting in Sanctuary and Choir Loft replaced, both furnaces have had heat exchangers fail and replaced under warranty, push bar door openers installed in all doors now, all keyed alike.

Walkways: Shifted slabs on lower walkway partially repaired, boot cleaners installed at entrances.

Lighting: Lamp replacement in Sanctuary as required.

Manse Investment: The Manse Investment Fund as of Dec 31, 2017 stands at \$133,000.

Membership: The Dream Team remains the same.

2019 Projects

§ Ramp cement walkway repairs to be completed.

§ Investigate converting Sanctuary overhead lighting to LED lamps in existing fixtures.

§ Refurbish Men's Washroom

Did you know your property committee members have informal meetings almost every Sunday at the piano end of the stage downstairs during coffee hour and are very approachable? The Committee is open to applications for membership from any and all.

Many thanks from the Property Committee to all who have contributed to our efforts and various projects financially and with time and advice. We are a community with many skills and abilities that we can share and of which we should be proud.

Submitted by Mike Chorkawy (for the Dream Team a.k.a. the "Get it Done Team")

We Still Love Heavy Metal!

Word is getting out to the Lively community, that Trinity United Church is still collecting pop cans, chairs, rain gutters, pots and pans, old BBQs etc. - as long as they contain aluminum. Please do not crush your pop cans, because the machine I inherited from the late Billy Gagnon, works better with intact cans. The hoppers crush the pop cans better, if the cans are whole and not bent! Besides, it is less work for people, who only have to bag their empties and drop them off at the front of my garage at 32 Eve Street, Lively. There was a slight increase of monies collected in 2018 over 2017 - \$174.06 over \$172.59. Show your environmental pride, and support Trinity by saving metal for this great fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted by Grant Vipond

Ministry and Personnel

Members: Mardi Mumford, Lynne Bruce, Linda Pulliah, and Don McLeod.

Purpose: To ensure that the Congregation, Council, Committees and staff of Trinity United Church receive appropriate recruitment and suitable administrative care and support.

Position: The M & P committee is a confidential consultative body that supports the pastoral relationships at Trinity UC.

Staff: Here at Trinity we have a great staff, Reverend Kathy Dahmer is our full time minister, Diane Tait works 8 ½ hours as our secretary, Mark Latvala provides custodial services and snow removal for 8 ½ hours per week, Sharon Dinnes is our contract bookkeeper, Sue LeBlanc is the Music director supported on a part time basis by 3 pianists; Stacey Foy, Cathy Stadder Wise and Jodi Walli.

Activity: Reverend Kathy has had a busy year; many hours were spent in worship preparation, pastoral care and funerals, Thursday Prayer Group, Women's Retreat leadership, youth ministry including Music Club, VBS (Vacation Bible School), Junior and Senior Youth Groups, Northern Ontario Youth Camp. The list goes on.

We were pleased to welcome Diane Tait to the staff. She works Tuesday afternoons and Friday mornings and does some work from home. The transition from our long servicing secretary Wendy Syvanen to Diane has been fairly smooth. The use of

powerpoint has been enhanced as part of the Secretary's job as well Diane has taken on some of the day to day financial responsibilities.

Trinity is a very busy church and M & P estimates that over 200 people use the church each week. With the help of the Property committee, M & P revised the Church Use policy and created a checklist for users including some new responsibilities when locking up.

Linda Pulliah from our committee facilitated the bi-annual meeting between the pianists, Sue LeBlanc and the Worship Team to do long term planning of music.

With the new Regional Governance structure, M & P training was done via a Webinar Format. Mardi participated in the webinar held in November 6, 2019.

Submitted by Mardi Mumford

Spirit Committee

MISSION: TO ENHANCE THE SPIRIT OF OPENNESS, FRIENDLINESS AND JOY WITHIN THE CONGREGATION.

MEMBERS: CATHY AIKEN, MERCI BLACK, LIZ CHORKAWY, BARB COTE, LYNDA COUILLARD, LYNNE COX, GAETANNE EVANS, DEBBIE HEINS, DONNA LINVILLE, GILLIAN MCINTYRE, NANCY NADJIWON, LINDA PULLIAH, LEE RYSDALE, GRANT VIPOND, BETTY WALTON and PAT SEIN

The committee met 6 times over the year.

Once again the Spirit Committee had a busy year:

1. We hosted a delicious Italian Spaghetti Dinner night at Trinity in February. We had a great turnout for this event and had great feedback about the delicious meal and ambiance.
2. Gaetanne spearheaded the LAUGH OUT LOUD COMMUNITY THEATRE fundraiser. This was another successful theatre performance by Gaetanne for Trinity.
3. We put on another annual successful Spring Luncheon in April. This is a fundraiser open to the community that we have done for many years. We serve 2 different soups, many varieties of sandwiches and tasty desserts.

4. We once again supported Betty's Christmas Cookie Sale And Bake Sale. This is an event that has turned out to be a wonderful annual fundraiser thanks to Betty Walton's organizing and all the bakers and helpers to put the scrumptious and beautiful cookie plates together.

5. We will put on our annual Sweets and Treats Auction in early December. This annual fundraiser is a fun and lively event. We will serve a delicious luncheon. We once again will have entertaining auctioneers to keep the afternoon moving well. Members of the congregation donate homemade food items and Christmas décor or gift items and each item is auctioned to the highest bidder.

6. Christmas Candy Bags: We assembled M+M Christmas story bags to be given out with oranges, as per the direction of the Worship committee.

7. Silent Night Candles and Ice Candles: Our committee makes sure there are candles available for the Christmas Eve service and we organize ice candles to decorate the outside of the church at Christmastime. Thank you to the Gravelles for the ice candles.

8. We had another fun Jewellery Sale fundraiser at the Anderson Farm Fall Fair. Items for the sale included used jewellery and a variety of accessories. Many treasures found and sold! We had a lot of positive community feedback with this fundraiser.

9. Linda Pulliah spearheaded the organizing of the purchase of Trinity Aprons. We now have our aprons to wear at fundraising events.

10. Once again the Spirit Committee provided a luncheon for the AGM meeting 2018.

11. The Spirit Committee has taken on the duty of keeping the kitchen well stocked with supplies. Any items found low in supply or missing can be added to the list on a clipboard in the kitchen, and forwarded to Linda P. or Diane. Ideally regular checks of the kitchen are to be done by committee members.

12. Coffee time and Greeters: This continues to be a challenge to get people to sign up for these weekly duties. We are thinking of ways to make it not so much of a chore....

The Spirit Committee would like to acknowledge the many tasks that our committee does:

Debbie Morrow continues to be our card sender when someone in the congregation would benefit from a card.

Barb Cote makes the church look beautiful with the flower arrangements.

Betty Walton looks after providing Spirit Chests for candidates for Baptism and Betty welcomes donations of boxes that can be used as chests.

Cathy Aiken looks after the Activity Bags for children, kept in the narthex.

The Spirit Committee members are the primary helpers whenever a funeral luncheon is served. We are grateful to be aided by those beyond the committee.

The Spirit Committee would like to thank the congregation for supporting the work our committee does.

We are always hoping for new members so if you have questions or an interest to join please talk to anyone of our committee members. This is a very supportive and fun committee to be on. We support many church activities and enjoy great fellowship while doing so.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Sein and Linda Pulliah for the Spirit Committee

May Birthday Group Dinner

The day following Mother's Day each year the folks who celebrate their birthday in May gather together. We have 15 people on our list, 10 of whom came out for dinner May 14, 2018. This event was held at Enrico's Restaurant, Caruso Club.

There is no sharing of costly gifts, just good friendship. Occasionally we have a few non-May people at the table, and all are welcome. As in the past we all wrote a few kind, humorous or encouraging words in the personal cards. Once at home each person can open their card, reveling the notes written especially for them. The heartwarming messages help raise spirits, throughout the year.

If your birthday is in May, please connect with me so you can be added to our contact list. A rich bond has been formed within this part of the Trinity family. It is a mystery to all of us why the other months haven't yet organized themselves for the simple shared celebration.

Submitted by Linda Pulliah

Trinity's Fish Fry

The Trinity Fish Fry was held on May 26, 2018, always the Saturday after the Victoria Day weekend. Approximately 780 dinners were sold, earning over \$7400. The Bake sale was a success, as usual, and earned \$710. The earnings from this event totalled approximately \$8146.00 and all earnings were contributed directly to the Church.



It is difficult to identify all volunteers who had an active role in this event since so many people contributed some part, directly or indirectly to this event through meal purchases, making goodies for the Bake Sale, helping set-up, cook and de-camp

outside, and/or kitchen prep, serving take-out dinners and clean-up. Of course, our “welcome” team who greet the guests, collect their money and keep a tally of how much fish is left, are also vital.

What is truly amazing is how people work so well together.

We also have a diverse team, the majority being our Church members but

we have volunteers from Little Current United Church, a couple volunteers from the Catholic Church in Azilda and several Lively community members who help out.

We look forward to seeing you at the 15th Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, May 25, 2019!

Patti & Doug Wilkin



Turkey Supper

Our annual turkey dinner was held on Saturday, November 10^h. As usual the event was well attended and the meals were served by our dedicated and hardworking volunteers. To ensure proper food handling Helvi’s catering was hired once again to thaw and cook the turkeys for a very minimal fee. All other items needed for this large event were

generously donated by our church members including funds to purchase the 17 turkeys, 200 pounds of potatoes and other necessary items. Our net profit for 2018 totalled \$2390.13.

I want to sincerely thank all those who shared their time and talent with us to make our turkey dinner such a success.

Submitted by Gaetanne Evans

Variety Night

Laugh out Loud live theatre was presented in our lower hall the evenings of May 11 & 12. Although this event was Church fundraiser many of those who participated were from the community at large. We had a cast of 34 talented individuals and many helping hands behind the scenes. Everyone that wanted a part was given a part! For most of the actors this was their first time on stage and what a great job they did! The evening featured momentous songs of the past and even old cigarette commercials to remind us how ridiculous they were. We also showcased some of our talented young citizens in song and dance. Thank you once again to all those who participated and attended this event. A total of \$2620.00 was raised.

Submitted by Gaetanne Evans

2018 Finance Report

Mission: To oversee the financial administration of Trinity United Church; to celebrate God's extravagant abundance and respond in gratitude

Members: Cathy Nadjiwon, Lynne Cox, Bill Evans, Jason Tait, Chris Gavard, Steven Back (Treasurer), Sharon Dinnes (Bookkeeper), Rev. Kathy Dahmer

Summary: The success story of 2018 Finance is that we were able to use the generous donations of the congregation and the community to carry out the mission of the church and keep the bank account in the black. However, we are running a very tight ship and have little room for increased expenses and program growth.

I would like to thank everyone that has done offering and special event counting throughout the year. The people who have volunteered their time and talents extends well beyond the members of the committee. A special thank you to Lynne and the countless congregation members who have offering counting down to a science and is a blessing for the committee. I would also like to take a moment to thank Chris, Bill, and Diane who ensure all the bills are paid on time and do so much to keep finance running like a well-oiled machine. A thank you to Sharon who even when she is half way around the world will respond almost instantly to questions and provides the most thorough financial reports. Lastly, thank you Cathy for being our financial guru to interpret the numbers for us and make every financial gift support the mission of this church.

Moving into 2019 we are facing increased expenses due primarily to cost of living. Our revenue streams from this congregation have been rock solid and steady and have allowed us to stay in the black. However, we are needing to identify **\$12,500** in additional revenue this year. Over the coming weeks finance will be supporting council in identifying these new revenue streams. We are confident that with this generous congregation and community that we can raise the additional revenue and as such are presenting a balanced budget.

Thank you for all your support to Trinity.

Envelope Offerings per year:

99 identified givers of \$20+ (116 in 2013), (121 in 2014), (127 in 2015), (120 in 2016), (117 in 2017)

38 are on PAR, (30 in 2013), (34 in 2014), (38 in 2015), (44 in 2016), (45 in 2017)

19 identified givers of 50+ to M & S Fund, (40 in 2013), (40 in 2014), (38 in 2015), (41 in 2016), (37 in 2017)

N/A Financially Supporting Households, (117 in 2013), (123 in 2014), (133 in 2015), (124 in 2016), (121 in 2017)

Proposed Budget for 2018

	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	
Revenues					
Local Offerings	81,549	88,208	84,703	85,000	Includes \$2K per yr from Dyck bequest of \$10K
M&S Offerings	11,660	5,000	8,018	5,000	
Other Income*	31,495	31,495	30,925	34,650	
Youth Program Grants				0	See designated funds
Vision Fund Grant		3,000		0	See designated funds
Manse Fund Transfer (Housing Allowance Coverage)	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300	
Sunday Offering Increase (Envelope campaign)			7,683	10,000	Envelope Campaign
Total Revenue	131,003	134,003	137,629	140,950	
Expenses					
Salary & Benefits					
- Minister Salary	54,058	60,121	60,121	61,083	
- Minister Benefits		8,832	14,402	14,500	
- Administrative Assistant	5,102	7,079	7,591	6,000	
Ministers Housing	12,600	0	0	0	
Ministers Education	275	1,393	1,957	1,415	
Total Salary & Benefits	72,025	77,425	84,071	82,998	
Program Expenses					
Worship	930	1,000	1,034	1,050	
M&P	13,103		225	400	
- Custodial		6,444	6,477	7,088	
- Choir Director		2,580	2,577	2,580	
- Pianist		3,800	3,327	3,800	

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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH - LIVELY, ONTARIO

- Pulpit Supply		2,299	500	2,198	
Mission and Outreach	1,594	1,500	2,294	2,800	
Spirit	218	300	0	100	
Choir			131	140	
Christian Education	2,173	2,500	985	1,500	Includes Confirmation costs
Regional Fees (former Presbytery)	2,904	4,676	4,676	5,144	
Other/ Fundraising Cost	810	0	844	100	
Total Program Expenses	21,731	25,099	23,071	26,900	
General and Admin Expenses					
Accounting & Legal	2,250	2,000	2,372	2,400	
Due, Memberships	963	1,000	1,031	800	
Insurance	4,317	4,500	3,996	4,000	
Mileage	1,791	2,000	2,851	2,060	
Office Supplies	2,141	1,500	635	750	
Repair & Maintenance (Property Committee)	946	1,000	5,529	3,000	
Photocopier	2,067	2,100	1,681	1,700	
Phone/Internet	3,945	3,075	2,833	3,000	
Interest and Bank Charges	31	0	0	0	
Vision Fund Grant		3,000	0	0	
Total Admin Costs	17,550	20,175	20,928	17,710	
Utilities					
Hydro	2,352	2,400	2,509	2,600	
Gas	3,851	4,000	4,405	4,500	
Water	1,755	1,760	651	1,000	
Hot Water tank rentals	212	220	212	220	
Total Utilities	8,170	8,380	7,777	8,320	

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United Church M&S	11,669	5,000	8,018	5,000	
Total Expenditures	131,137	136,079	143,865	140,928	
Net Income	-134	-2,075	-6,237	22	

* Other income has designated funds removed (Nicaragua, Youth Programs, Accessible Washrooms)
See attached schedule

Other Income items	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	
Funerals	2,700	700	1000	
Hall Usage donations	3,712	3,091	3,000	
Vacation Bible School	790	1,260	1,000	
Confirmations	481	-	-	
Reachout donations*	993	-	-	See Designated funds
Youth group donations*	697	-	-	See Designated funds
Windows/Washrooms Donations *	988	-	-	See Designated funds
Misc Revenue (HST Rebate/Observer)	711	2,452	5,000	
Total Other Revenue	11,072.56	7,503.10	10,000.00	
Fundraising				
Spring Luncheon	1,358	95	100	
Spaghetti Dinner		1,000	1,000	
Pop Cans	205	114	100	
LOL Theatre		3,845	4,000	
Fish Fry	7,964	8,117	8,200	
Northern Brass Concerts (2)	1,131	-	500	
Picnic in the Park	500	-	-	
Fall Fair Jewellery	488	439	450	

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Turkey Dinner	6,439	5,671	6,000	
Bake Sales	2,321	2,889	3,000	
Kids Club Musical		319	300	
Miscellaneous	16	934	1000	
Total Fundraising	20,422	23,422	24,650	
Total Other Income and Fundraising	31,495	30,925	34,650	
2018 Designated Funds Raised				
Windows/Washroom Donations	988	295	500	
Nicaragua (Net)		8,287	5,000	
Northern Youth Camp Grants (Regional)	9,000	11,317	0	
Vision Grant (Youth Group)	3,000	3,000	3,000	
Reach Out Fund	993	1,831	2,000	
Designated Bank Accounts				
Washrooms/Accessibility Fund		10,781		
Nicaragua		9,552		
Memorial Funds		2,769		
Reach Out Funds		776		
Coffee Mission		591		
Youth Fund (Vision grants)		577		
Northern Youth Camp (Regional)		3,994		
Chequing Account Balance		\$16,735.15		Includes \$8K remainder of \$10K bequest from Mrs. Dyck

Team Access

Members – Peter George, Gaetanne Evans, Steven Back, Mike Pushman, Rev Kathy

Team access was formed to enhance the accessibility of our building by installing two barrier free washrooms. The funding for this installation, approximately \$145,000 is to come from grants which are available from various sources.

In 2017 we submitted an application to Enabling Accessibility Fund that is administered by our federal government. This fund can award up to \$50,000 towards a project. Our application was not approved for funding.

This year we applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation which can award up to \$150,000 towards a project. Our application was accepted and now we have to wait until January 2019 to hear if we were approved for funding.

Some funds from memorial requests have been received towards this project and approximately \$11,000 has accrued to date.

Respectfully submitted by Peter George

Stewardship

Stewardship Committee is a team that works under the direction and support of the finance committee. The Stewardship committee is tasked with finding creative ways to encourage and educate the congregation to be good stewards. Stewardship means being responsible and taking care of something that is valued. We have all been entrusted with caring for our church.

Team members; Ann Roy, Karen McLeod, Rev. Kathy, Barb Cote.

On behalf of the Finance Committee and the Council we would like to thank everyone who gave, (and many more than once) to the envelope campaign. Your generosity helped us to raise \$7589.00 which went to the general fund.

Stewardship Committee met approximately four times this past year. The envelope campaign was launched on Easter Sunday. The team had worked with committees and was ready to launch \$5 challenge but decided to delay because of the timing of new information that needed to be communicated to the congregation about the new funding model.

The Stewardship team along with our Presbytery reps, educated the congregation at our last AGM about how the new funding model can impact our givings. Last year we worked hard to inform the congregation these changes were coming, specifically to what we had come to know and love as the Mission and Service Fund. Historically the Mission and Service Fund monies went to both global mission as well as local staff support. The 'service' part of that fund- provided the salaries for our conference staff. Now with the

new model- our assessment fees now paid to the region are much higher because it includes the 'service' part of that fund. So simply put, the Mission and Service has been split- service-(staff salaries etc) are mandatory fees paid in our assessment fees, Mission givings- goes strictly to mission and is voluntary.

The Stewardship team wrote letters to all our PAR givers and asked if they would consider- readjusting what they give to M&S, moving the service- portion of their givings over to the general. Our suggestion was to divide their M&S donation by half. Many people did make their PAR adjustments and we are grateful.

Last year we had graduated increase of our assessment fees, in 2019 we will have to pay the full amount of our assessment fee.

2017	\$2904	presbytery fees	M&S Goal	10K	Actual 11k
2018	\$4676	graduated fees	M&S Goal	5K	Actual 8008.14
2019	\$6300	full regional fees	M&S Goal	5K	

As you can see we are well above our goal and that our fees are increased because they include what used to be Mission and Service. Our hope as a stewardship and finance committee is that others would adjust their M&S givings and we can stay closer to our goal of 5K as we adjust to fees that have more than doubled.

The Stewardship Committee welcomed the Northern Brass Concerts, the generously donated all proceeds to the church, \$1,130.85

Submitted by Rev Kathy

Memorial Fund - December 31, 2018

There were many important purchases made through the generosity of family and friends through the memorial fund in memory of loved ones. In March the memorial fund donated two new tea carafes. We had new carpets put in the church in memory of Billy Gagnon. We also replaced the carpet up the stairs and in the balcony in memory of Irma Kaattari. The money in memory of June Martin was designated to the General Fund as this was the wish of the family. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make these things possible and make our church look great. We are so proud of the upgrades.

The total donations to the Memorial Fund in 2018 were \$3,175. The account earned \$1.93 in interest over the year.

Expenditures from the Memorial Fund for 2018 were \$3,890.16.

The balance of this account on December 31, 2018 was \$2,769.48.

Submitted by Evelyn Cole

BEYOND

Sudbury Presbytery ---- Canadian Shield Regional Council

Representatives: Rev. Kathy Dahmer, Pam Brown, and Mardi Mumford

2018 was the last year of Sudbury Presbytery. The focus of the year was transition. The work of Presbytery was to smoothly move into the new governance model of 3 courts: Community of Faith, Regional Council and Denomination Council (General Council). Another major shift was in the funding of the United Church of Canada. In the old system, the M & S Fund was a voluntary funding model that paid for the General Council, Conferences and the mission projects and partners. Starting in 2019, each Community of Faith (pastoral charge) will be assessed based on a percentage of their revenue stream

There were 6 meetings in the year:

- Ø January 27, 2018 was an all day meeting with a focus on Living Faith Stories as well as education around the last Remit number 6. This remit looked at ministry personnel. The Remit essentially wanted to combine ordained, diaconal and designated lay ministry into one body. It was eventually defeated.
- Ø March 7, 2018 was a team meeting night where each of the teams discussed what they wanted to see moved into the new structure. The Stewardship team discussed the dispersal of the Real Estate fund, the Sprout team did the We are a Treaty People kit, the Collegiality and Congregational Life team focused on setting up a Clergy Collegiality cluster and Faith Formation and Education worked on the pulpit supply list and a workshop for LLWL (Lay Licensed Worship Leaders).
- Ø May 2, 2018 included the election of 3 Commissioners to the Region #6 Commission. Mardi Mumford, Maxine McVey and Barb Nott were elected and will sit on the Commission until June 2018. This Commission will set up the governance structure, set an initial budget, hire regional staff, set up offices, set up committees and commissions as well as plan the first Regional Council meeting (May 30, 31, & June 1, 2019).
- Ø September 12, 2018 was another evening meeting where the recommendations from the Stewardship Team about the distribution of remaining Presbytery funds were discussed. MILC (Manitou Intentional Learning Community) was given an sum of \$15,000.00 to continue their work as a cluster. The priorities of the Presbytery were set and funds were to be distributed to support Education, Clusters, Affirming, Right Relations and Youth Ministry.

- Ø October 6, 2018 meeting was licensing the 9 LLWL leaders until June 30, 2020. Pam Brown is one of those LLWL. Faith Formation and Education also approved Diane Tait as a candidate for ministry.
- Ø The final meeting of Sudbury Presbyter was November 8, 2018. It was a celebration of our years of work with worship, dinner, presentations, powerpoint slide show of all the pastoral charges and a photo album display. The final total of funds sent on the Canadian Shield Regional Council (formally Region #6) was \$110,000.00. This will help fund many supports for Communities of Faith in our new region.

Submitted by Mardi Mumford



Canadian Shield Regional Council

Engaging with the Spirit to Inspire,
Connect and Empower
Communities of Faith

Connecting with local ministry in our congregations in a new way...

Our family stretches across a large piece of geography, from Katrine in the south to Hearst in the north; from Val d'Or Quebec in the east to Thunder Bay in the west. Despite the vast geography we share a common identity as United Church communities of faith (congregations) and we share a common purpose to live faithful lives and serve the Gospel. The vision statement of the Canadian Shield Regional Council affirms that the primary purpose of this governance body of the Church is to empower you as you undertake local ministry.



Regional Council staff are part of that connection. Some of you will know many of the staff who have transitioned from previous Conference and presbytery positions into the new Regional Council. Will Kunder (1/2 time Congregational Support & Justice Animation), Melody Duncanson-Hales (Congregational Support, Youth, Stewardship), Susan Whitehead (Administrative support)

and Lillian Roberts (Pastoral Relations) are continuing as familiar faces into the new

structure though there are some changes in job descriptions and they are being joined by others less known to you; Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Joan Bailey (part time Administrative Support Thunder Bay), Rachel Howes (Administrative support shared with Shining Waters) and as May 1, 2019 Rob Smith (Congregational Support part-time west). The Regional Council main office is located at Omond United Church and you are always welcome to call or drop in.

The Inaugural meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council will gather folks May 31 – June 2 in Sault Ste. Marie. Each community of faith (congregation) is to elect representative(s) at your Annual meeting. Representatives are your connection with the ministry we share as a Regional Council. Make sure you name a connector to share the stories of what others are doing.

A number of you ask, or perhaps more accurately comment that whether they call it Presbytery or Conference or Regional Council, it still names a part of Church Structure that seems rather remote and unattached to congregational life. So here's a commitment, the Regional Council and its staff are ready to respond to any requests for support, resources, information or a listening ear. If you need to know how your youth can find a United Church camping experience, or want to apply for a Capital Assistance Grant call Melody; need worship material for Sunday because your minister has fallen ill, Will is coordinating a week-by-week worship project; need information because the pastoral relations process or one of the staff is on medical leave, Lillian can walk you through the process; need to understand more about the denominational policies, Peter can share his wisdom; need general information about how things work or communication, give Susan a call; want to know about Ontario licenses to marry, Joan is your person; need some staff support to try getting a cluster of folks together from neighbouring congregations to talk about how to share outreach ministry, call Will, Rob, Melody or Lillian- we can all help.

We need each other to be the best and most faithful we can be! Don't let the fact that the structure has a new name make you apprehensive about reaching out. Let's build connections that help us to encourage each other (and maybe even have some fun!) as we live into new relationships within this "family of God" we call the United Church.

Submitted by Sue Whitehead

Mission and Outreach

Mission: To reach out and care for the needs of people in our local and global community.

As an oversight committee, our different sections work independently to carry out the outreach functions of the mission of Trinity United Church. We produced a new pamphlet that has been placed in the pews to explain the different ways Trinity members can support our outreach.

Membership: Kate Gravelle, Mardi Mumford, Helen Gavard, Barb Cote, Carol Bois, Shirley Cranston. Rev. Kathy Dahmer. We welcome all who are interested in reaching out to others and learning more about the United Church of Canada's mission programs.

Mission and Outreach - Trinity Reach Out Fund

The Reachout fund is a designated fund of money that is given to help those who are in need. The Reachout fund activities are reported to the Mission and Outreach Committee. Generally Rev. Kathy oversees the disbursement of these funds

and all requests remain confidential. In 2018, the Reachout fund had \$1,279.20 of activity. These funds were used to assist two families, each with 4 children with Christmas, purchase bus tickets, grocery cards, subsidize individuals for women's retreat, and youth for Northern Youth Camp and youth events. Special thank you to the congregation for contributing \$500 to the Reachout fund to help subsidize youth to attend Niagara Youth Festival in October. \$600 in total was required to help our youth attend, thank you so much!

Submitted by Rev Kathy

Mission and Outreach - Out of the Cold

The midway point in the Out of the Cold dinners in Sudbury has been reached as of the writing of this article. We are privileged to host 4 dinners per year to provide a pleasant, safe secure atmosphere for the tenants of St. Andrews, the Out of the Cold guests, and volunteers in the building.



In May of 2018, we were advised that the Holiday Inn would no longer provide meals, or the personnel to distribute the meals.

However, we were fortunate to be partnered with Christ the King Church, who volunteered to provide some of our scheduled meals. They were not able to provide a meal for December 21, but Wendy Harrington, a volunteer cook from other Out of the Cold dinners, stepped up to the plate.

We provided nourishing meals in March, April, November and December (every 6 weeks) to 150 to 200 guests. Trinity United plus friends and relatives plus others total around 36 volunteers. We have also had security students from Cambrian College help out in November. Thanks to the many volunteers who make this dinner possible.

Many thanks to Debbie Vipond are given for her endless hours of work in the organizing of the Out of the Cold dinners. In December, 2018, she decided to step out of the management end, and concentrate on serving and visiting with the clients. Her smiling face will still be an important asset in our delivery of the dinners.

The last Out of the Cold dinner for 2018-2019 season will be March 15, and we are looking for a person to help out with the organizing for this dinner as Don and Karen will be out of town. This does entail staying until facility is closed to ensure that all the tasks are accomplished, but we will attempt to have a list of volunteers for this date.

Don and Karen McLeod

Mission and Outreach - Ukulele Club

The Lively Ukulele Club celebrated its first anniversary in April. We continue to have a regular attendance of 12-15 members, meeting weekly to enjoy a little strum and sing. Looking forward to another successful year!



Submitted by Stacey Foy

Mission and Outreach - Downtown Coffee



This July marks 5 years of going downtown to give out coffee in front of the Salvation Army. Coffee, conversation and smiles are free. The congregation has been remarkable in supporting this outreach program.

Submitted by Barb Coté

Book Club

The book, “Children of the Broken Treaty, Canada’s Lost Promise and One Girl’s Dream” by Charlie Angus was studied throughout the season of Lent. The book was chosen as a beginning for intentional learning of the injustices towards Indigenous people. Charlie Angus shares Shannon Koostachin’s inspiring journey from a child going to school in run down trailers to doing everything in her power to ensure First Nations children get the education they deserve.

Participants were able to attend an afternoon or an evening session, which were led by either, Rev Kathy,

Pam Brown or Sue LeBlanc. The book was divided into six sections, so that participants were able to read ahead and come prepared to discuss, reflect and share with the group. This allowed for rich, inspiring dialogue and insightful reflections. The participants were able to share their various backgrounds and personal experiences, plus whatever they were struggling with as the reading was difficult, often resulting in feelings of anger and frustration. These feelings led the group to discussions about what they could do next. Dr Joseph LeBlanc was invited to the last session to shed some light on this and further our learning experience.

Submitted by Sue Leblanc

Mission and Outreach - Trinity Loving Care Team

Tender Loving C’s—connect, care, communication

Team members: Kate+Adrien Gravelle, Sue LeBlanc, Del Nussey, Shirley Cranston, Liz Chorkawy, Linda Pulliah and Pam Brown

The TLC team help members of the congregation remain connected, providing support and encouragement as needed, assisting the minister in her work of pastoral care. Whatever is shared during a visit is held in confidence between the congregant, minister, and the TLC team.

Often the team is divided up to do visits with those who are shut-ins, in long term care or those who could use a visit. Team members will visit or call, at times they have gone with parishioners to appointments or been present for support when needed. At times a visiting TLC member will accompany Rev. Kathy to bring communion to the visit. The team depends on communication from the church family about who could benefit from a visit.

We are aware as a team that many families forget the church when their loved one is in long-term care or retirement home. Many families live out of town and often spiritual care of their parent is often forgotten. We are working to close that communication gap so families can be aware of their loved one's spiritual care and church relationships. We are grieved when a long time church member is hospitalized or has died and no one from the family has informed the church.

The team met three times in the past year. We share tears and laughter during updates on our own spiritual and physical health. Time is allotted to reflect and learn, equipping the team with strength and vision to fulfill our role. God is with us, we are not alone.

Submitted by Linda Pulliah and Rev Kathy

Mission and Outreach - Nicaragua

2019 team includes: Pat and Rod Sein, Debbie and Grant Vipond, Marilyn Boileau, Pam Brown, Mike and Maddy Pushman, Eva Maciaszek, Natalie Domegan, Adrien Gravelle, Melanie Johncox and daughter Zarra, Rev. Kathy Dahmer and Helen Gavard

The Trinity Nicaragua Team worked hard in 2018 to raise funds for our planned March 2019 service project. Activities included: Chili and Pulled Pork sandwiches at the Walden Winter Carnival; Trivia Night at the church; bagging groceries (twice) at grocery stores; North Winds Quintet Concert at Trinity; Vesey Bulbs sale; Corn Roast (boil) at the Anderson Farm Fall Fair; and other smaller endeavours.



However, our plans came crashing down when in April 2018 clashes between government forces and protestors demanding President Daniel Ortega's resignation began. Since then hundreds of people have been killed, thousands injured and hundreds arrested as the protests have continued and attempts to suppress them have intensified. Amnesty International has said that "state repression has reached deplorable levels" in Nicaragua.

Due to this ongoing crisis our Trinity Nicaragua team has postponed our March 2019 trip until likely after the 2020 Nicaragua election and even then, only once the country is again deemed safe. We continue to evaluate the situation. We are very hopeful that we will be able to return to Nicaragua.

At the peak of the crisis a decision was made to deliver some financial assistance to those in need and we donated \$1,000 towards the cost of medical aid and food to protestors who had been injured. As well, in December we sent \$450 (of which \$252 was from our fundraising amount) to the 3 families we worked with in 2017 to assist them during these economic hard times.

We currently have \$9,300 in fundraising which will be invested in 2019 for future service project.

The 2019 team is still engaged and is keeping abreast of any news. Some of us have been keeping in touch through social media with our interpreters and with families we've worked with in previous years. As well we have been meeting and talking to Gonzalo and Ivette from Companeros, Inc. – our facilitator. Several of us from the team travelled to Toronto Oct. 12, 2018 to attend a documentary called “Heradera del Viento /Heiress in the Wind” by Gloria Carrion Fonseca. In 1979 Nicaragua, a dictatorship that lasted decades had been overthrown and the revolutionary Sandinistas had taken over. The filmmaker reflects on her parent’s involvement with liberating Nicaragua. It was very emotional to experience this story as some of the Nicaragua teams have a relationship with Gloria’s mother Ivette. We were also able to sit down to a meal with Ivette and Gonzalo to discuss the situation in Nicaragua.

We keep all of our Nicaragua connections close to our hearts. We ask that you pray for peace and resolution in Nicaragua. And we hope that one day we can serve the needs of families there once again.

Gracias.

Report submitted by: Helen Gavard

Mission and Outreach - Birthday Party in the Park

The fifth annual birthday party in Memorial Park was a success again this year with more than 350 hot dogs given away, along with cupcakes, freezies, watermelon, pop and water. St. Andrew’s donated money and let us use their tables. Walden Seniors donated \$150 to our party. The Tremonics provided wonderful music and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all the amazing volunteers. It could not be done without you.



Submitted by Barb Coté

Mission and Outreach - M & S Fund

Mission & Service, the unified fund, is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada. It's role is to act for peace and justice globally, to engage in healing, reconciliation, and justice work across Canada with community ministries and chaplaincies, to strengthen theological education and vocational ministry support in Canada, to nurture faith formation and lay leadership, to uphold program leadership in Regions, to support innovative congregations and those in transition, as well as ministering in remote areas. In 2018, the congregation of Trinity gave \$8008.14 to M & S.

Submitted by Mardi Mumford

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