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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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Church Contacts as of January 2020

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Church Council Executive

Peter George (Chair)*	523 1420
Gaetanne Evans (Vice Chair) *	692 3250
Karen McLeod (secretary)	866 0159
Mardi Mumford (Presbyter)*	692 9520
Chris Gavard (Treasurer)*	692 1295

Ministry and Personnel

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Lynne Bruce	692 0316
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Linda Pulliah	671 8171

Finance Committee

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Lynne Cox	692 5016
Bill Evans	692 3250
Steven Back	988 1671
Jason Tait	692 4198
Chris Gavard	692 1295

Stewardship Sub-committee of Finance

Karen McLeod	866 0159
Ann Roy	692 5790
Liz Chorkawy	692 5584
Barb Cote	692 0503

Team Access Sub-committee of Council

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Mike Pushman	692 0921
Gaetanne Evans	692 3250
Cathy Nadjiwon	692 4542
Steve Back	988 1671

Memorial Fund

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Sue LeBlanc	692 5925
Bryan Chisnell	692 9542
Janet Villeneuve	692 5668
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Liz Chorkawy	692 5584
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Mission and Outreach Committee

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Carol Bois	692 5047
Barb Cote	692 0503
Mardi Mumford	692 9520

Susan Leishman 692 1476

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 Brian Walton 692 5293
 Earl Mumford 692 9520
 Bill Evans 692 3250
 Adrien Gravelle 692 3401
 Jason Tait 692 4198
 Grant Vipond 692 9705
 Chris Gavard 690 7226
 Larry Roy 692 5790
 Doug Wilkin 692 0608

Spirit Committee

Pat Sein 692 3354
 Linda Pulliah* 671 8127
 Donna Linville 866 0382
 Lee Rysdale 692 0720
 Lynda Couillard 692 3259
 Nancy Nadjiwon 692 5386
 Liz Chorkawy 692 5584
 Betty Walton 692 5293
 Debbie Heins 470 2102
 Gaetanne Evans 692 3250
 Debbie Morrow (cards) 692 5052
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 Grant Vipond 692 9705
 Linda Morgan
 Merci Black
 Barb Cote 692 0503
 Heather Taylor 923 3130
 Lynne Cox 692 5016
 Carol Ledingham 692 9324

Out of the Cold Dinner Co-ordinators

Adrien Gravelle 692 3401

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.

In Memory of those we have lost in 2019

Sandy Allen, Shirley Harju, Joanna Hoffard, Phyllis Kaye, Dave Syvanen

AGENDA - 2020 AGM

Trinity United Church Annual General Meeting
March 8, 2020 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 2019
8. Proposed Budget 2020
9. Election of Officers and Canadian Shield representatives
10. New Business

11. Adjournment

Trinity United Church Annual General Meeting March 24, 2019 12:00 p.m. Lively ON

Opening Prayer, Call to Order Rev. Kathy opened the meeting in prayer.

Chair and Recording Secretary:

MOTION: Moved by Mardi Mumford, seconded by Linda Pulliah, that we accept **John Perry** as Chair, and Karen McLeod_ as Secretary, for this meeting. **CARRIED**

Declaring a quorum, voting privileges

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

Voting Privileges: MOTION: Moved by Kate Gravelle, seconded by _Francis Deminion, that we extend voting privileges to all adherents present. **CARRIED**

Adoption of the Agenda: MOTION: Moved by _Kristin Gibeault, seconded by _Mike Pushman, that the Agenda for this Annual General Meeting for Trinity United Church, Lively, be adopted, as presented. **CARRIED**

Approval of the minutes from AGM March 1, 2018: MOTION: Moved by Cathy Nadjiwon, seconded by _Kate Gravelle, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for Trinity United Church, Lively, of March 1 2018, be accepted. **CARRIED**

Reports:

Council - Rev. Kathy Noting: the work of the church reciprocates through the council and the various committees. Personal thanks to the council of the church. Barb Cote, head of the team, can always be counted on to find funds to offset short falls. Pam Brown communicates through the year, and is always looking at the heart of things and what we need to do. Thanks to Steven who was asked to be the treasurer , and Sharon Dinnes who became the bookkeeper. Thanks to John Perry for replacing Peter George during his absence, but notably, John has asked to be replaced as vice chair.

Property - Mike Chorkawy sends his regrets due to illness. Mike thanks the committee members. This committee is always working to meet the needs of the church. A busy year...report as attached. In 2019, 3 main projects are planned - men's washroom

renovation, converting lighting to LED's, and cement walkway projects. Larry Roy to be added to the members list on the report

Ministry and Personnel – Mardi Mumford- thanks to her committee and thanks extended to every volunteer who helped out with the cleanup of the sanctuary during Mark's absence. Over 200 people use this building during the week.

Mission and Outreach: Kate Gravelle thanks - to all the committee members. Susan Leishman to be added to the committee members list . Nicaragua-trip deferred until it is deemed safe. About \$9500 in fundraising currently.

Motion by Helen Gavard that funds in the amount of \$1000 be donated from the Nicaragua fund to a school in Los Quinchos for lunches, seconded by Betty, all in favour. None opposed. The team hopes to travel next March 2020 on a service project, approval required. Helen moved that Team Trinity, now called Team Trinity Dominican Republic, use funds in the Nicaragua church account for a service project in Dominican Republic. Seconded by Don McLeod. Carried. All in favour.

Faith Formation & Christian Education – Robyn Moffat thanks her committee members, they are very passionate about the needs of CE. Correction to the record...Debbie Moreau, not Debbie Simpson. Marilyn Simpson has resigned, and welcome extended to Gillian McIntyre as a new member.

Worship – Pam Brown thanks the committee and welcomes Lynn Bruce to the worship fold. Thanks to Rev Kathy for her guidance.

Presbytery – Mardi Mumford – now renamed Canadian Shield, thanks Pam for her help and notes, whatever task needs to be done, it is done. Some meetings are conducted remotely over computer software for huge cost savings.

On May 28 Rev Kathy will be meeting Rev. David Guiliano, former UCC moderator, along with other United Church ministers.

Question from the floor: regional fees appear to be 5.2% shown on the report as \$6300, however the budget shows we need only pay \$5344. It was explained that only an increase of 10% yearly in these fees are allowed. ($\$4676 \times 1.10 = \5143.60)

Spirit – Linda Pulliah, Pat Sein – always there to help. Thanks to the committee members, as this committee provided the luncheon for the meeting. Pat is willing to step down as chair due to other commitments if someone would be interested. Thanks to those who help out for funerals, sandwiches, etc.

Finance – Steven Back – Please add Chris Gavard to the list of committee members at the beginning of the handout. Thanks to the tireless work of this Committee which does offering counting, depositing of funds, maintaining books, finding funds for when things

break. We did not go into the negatives this summer. Cathy Nadjiwon will be treasurer for this year, Steven will be “past” treasurer.

MOTION: Moved by Linda Pulliah, seconded by Marg Watts, that all the above Committee and Financial Reports in the Annual Report be accepted. **CARRIED**

Budget 2019 - correction to the printed version which shows 2018, should be 2019

MOTION: Moved by Steven Back, seconded by Pam Brown, that we accept the 2019 budget. **CARRIED**

2019-2020-Slate of Executive Council: Chair Peter George, vice chair John Perry, secretary Karen McLeod, hearing no names from the floor

MOTION: Moved by Pam Brown, seconded by Linda Pulliah, that we accept these nominations. **CARRIED**

Motion: Moved by Betty Walton, seconded by Lynne Cox that Mardi Mumford and Pam Brown be named as Trinity Lively’s Canadian Shield Regional Council Representatives. **CARRIED**

1. Canadian Shield Regional Council – slide presentation. Mardi Mumford

2. New Business: directory-Linda Pulliah will be calling about a photo session-2 dates Tuesday April 30 and Wednesday May 1. 1:30 pm to 8:30 pm every half hour, if these dates are not possible, please talk to Linda P.

Rev Kathy reminds us that we probably need to raise about another \$10,000 to make ends meet for next year. Every quarter the finance committee will give a small “snippet” to keep the congregation aware of our finances.

-John gave thanks to all the committees and their participants.

3. Adjournment: The chair having assessed that the business of the Annual Meeting of Trinity United Church, Lively having been completed, declares the meeting adjourned, so moved by Brian Walton.

Attendees:

Pam Brown	Lynne Cox	Betty Zeitz	Mike Hobden
Heather Taylor	Donna Linville	Nancy Smith	Debbie Vipond
Betty Walton	Linda Pulliah	Cathy Nadjiwon	Don McLeod
Larry Roy	Ann Roy	Robyn Moffat	Isabel Brouse
Gaetanne Evans	Brian Walton	Carol Ledingham	Susanne Leblanc
Linda Pushman	Mike Pushman	Gillian McIntyre	Thomas Horne

Kristin Gibeault	Adrien Gravelle	Lynne Bruce	Karen McLeod
Kate Gravelle	Barbara Gagnon	Cody O'Neill	Marg Watts
Arlene Wunsch	Claire Hobden	Ruth Svensk	Steven Back

Trinity United Church Lively Congregational Meeting February 9, 2020

This meeting was integrated into the Sunday Worship service. It was called by Rev. Kathy Dahmer. The purpose was to look back on the past ten years of Rev. Dahmer's time with Trinity, to engage the congregation in a visioning process and to educate the congregation about the work of the committees, to list all the activities that require volunteers and to encourage participation of the members of the congregation.

Rev Kathy opened with prayer and a call to worship

Rev. Kathy acknowledge the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek

Hymn MV 79 Spirit Open My Heart

Children's Time – The story of salt and light

Lord's Prayer

Offering – The New Creed

Hymn VU 356 Seek Ye First the Kingdom

Scripture: Matthew 5 V 13 – 20

Meditation: Don't hide your light or lose your salt(flavour)

Transitions at Trinity in the past 10 years.

Message from Ed Cretzman, one of the founders of Trinity. "Take care of each other, follow the scriptures, be a leader in the community,"

The congregation then moved downstairs to the hall where each committee had a booth to explain their mandate, promote their work, display their membership and outline their activities. The congregation was asked to examine their talents and where best they could be used. The Congregation was also asked to consider the priorities of Trinity moving into our next decade with Rev. Kathy Dahmer. Using a dot system they were asked to vote on their personal priorities. The Council will then examine the results of the voting and make recommendations to the membership at the Annual Meeting March 8, 2020.

Kristin Gibeault	Larry Dahmer	Lori Foy	Gary Foy
Mark Gibeault	Gaetanne Evans	Bill Evans	Ethan Evans
Mike Pushman	Rosanne Nault	Dave Hagglund	Barb Cote
Betty Zeitz	Peter George	Marg Watts	Heather Taylor
Diane Chapman	Del Nussey	Carol Bois	Elaine Hull
Bob Risk	Linda Risk	Carol Leddingham	Patti Wilkin
Mardi Mumford	Janet Villeneuve	Shirley Cranston	Rod Sein
Cathy Nadjiwon	Pat Sein	Cathy Stadder Wise	Linda Pulliah

Nancy Smith	Nancy Nadjiwon	Donna Linville	Ron Linville
Kate Gravelle	Adrein Gravelle	Linda Coulliard	Betty Walton
Brian Walton	Bob Hobden	Lynne Cox	Marilyn Simpson
Isabel Brouse	Chris Gavard	Helen Gavard	Judy Chisnell
Bryan Chisnell	Pam Brown	Tom Horne	Lynne Bruce
Debbie Morrow	Barb Gagnon	Robyn Back	Steve Back
Sue Leblanc	Frances Dominion	Debbie Heins	Bruce Hoffard
Rylee Wafer	John Perry	Chantal Mercer	

Membership Stats

ROLLS AND RECORDS

Pastoral Charge -	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
	121	123	124	members
	196	208	193	adherents
	<u>20</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>18</u>	non-residents members
	349	353	334	

Number of households under Pastoral Care - **334**

Children's Activities:

- Junior Youth Ages 12-13 - **15**
- Senior Youth Ages 14-18 - **16**
- VBS - **32** children **14** youth **15** adults
- Sunday School - **4** children
- Niagara Youth Festival - **12** youth, **3** adults
- Summer at Anderson Farm - **4** youth, **2** adults
- Silver Lake Summer Camp - **5** youth, **3** leadership
- Children's Music Club (Sept -Dec.) **28** children, **5** adults
- Northern Youth Camp 24 youth **12** leadership
- Shalom By The Lake - **11** youth **3** adults

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY PROFESSION OF FAITH/REAFFIRMATION

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

2017 - 12 2018 - 0 **2019 - 9**

Cody O'Neil, Rylee Wafer, Melissa McAllister, Kevin McAllister, Cleo McAllister, Gillian MacIntyre, Marisa Laronde, Keiyah Maki Gillis, Jaidyn Daoust

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

2017 – 5 2018 – 2 **2019 - 4**

Wesley Cote

Rylee Wafer

Cody O'Neil

Dax Breau

WEDDINGS

2017 – 4 2018 – 2 **2019 – 4**

Bob & Linda Risk, Kryspin & Jonathon Swift, Andrew & Sarah Rauh, Cynthia & Justin Behume

MEMBERS RECEIVED BY TRANSFER

2017 – 0 2018 – 0 **2019 – 0**

MEMBERS REMOVED BY TRANSFER

2017 – 0 2018 - 2 **2019 – 0**

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

2017 – 2 2018 – 4 **2019 – 2**

Sandy Allen

Shirley Harju

ADHERENTS REMOVED BY DEATH

2018 - 3 **2019 - 3**

Dave Svyanen

Joanne Hoffard

Phyllis Kay

Submitted by Mardi Mumford & Rev Kathy

Minister's Report

I recently drove to Thunder Bay with my son. We took Hwy 11 and like any long trip, anything other than a long barren road is worth noticing and is a point of interest. We drove through many little towns; Jordan began to point out all the churches to me. It was almost true that every little town had a church. It became clear however that most of the churches were just buildings, some had been transformed into houses, but most were obviously closed, sitting empty bearing witness to a story that once was.

I began to wonder about these churches and their stories. I imagined them full and thriving, I imagined them the center of people's lives when back in the day church life and social life were the same thing. I imagined it was the people in the community who sacrificed and banded together to build the church because they needed one.

I listened to a dying woman share with me her memories of her childhood. Her family was beyond poor, as was every family in her community. She grew up in the prairies and their rural church was central to their life. They gathered and shared in leading worship services themselves, her father was heavily involved in the leadership. She remembers a circuit minister who was constantly travelling to these remote churches. She said that it was a big deal if your family got to host the minister, who came in on train- and then walked a crazy distance, (or got picked up by horseback) to get to the community. It was interesting to me that in her 90 years of living, it was her childhood and church memories that flooded her in her dying.

Times have changed. Most rural churches can't afford a full-time minister. Ministers can't move to the community and survive on half-time pay. Ministers aren't single young men who are free to travel. Ministers can't be paid in goods and services, although many a minister's family likely had some of the best produce around. I understand why so many of these churches in the north sit empty.

Can you imagine growing up in a community where church wasn't an option. The post-Christian culture celebrates the option of not going to church, but it's based on the assumption that the church would always be there so one could choose not to go. We are slowly moving into a time when it will be the exception that your community has a church rather than the norm.

Trinity is the exception to the norm on so many levels. We share in the history of a community that banded together and sacrificed to build a church, because Lively needed the church. We are a small community of faith that has always sustained a full-time, single point charge. Trinity has made that a priority and as givers and offerings decline, our fundraising efforts increase. In 2019, Trinity's fundraising brought in over 36K to help us balance our budget. Based on our expenses, fundraising is the difference between Trinity being open or closed. Based on our giving's; what we do in a year of ministry should not be possible. Read the annual report cover to cover, we function as a church that should be

operating with a budget that is double our current one. Down south, it is common practice for the section leads of church choirs to audition and be hired to sing. It is expected that the person running children's ministry is a paid position. Treasurers are paid, youth ministers are paid, pastoral care ministers are paid. The lion's share of ministry that is the fruit of Trinity comes from you, the volunteer.

Churches don't die because they don't have a minister, churches die because they fail to be a community. Trinity is the exception because of you. Each of you who have volunteered in ministry, each of you who helped, served and given of your time and energy in fundraising, you are the reason the impossible is possible. I'm convinced that every person at Trinity can find themselves somewhere in this report, I'm convinced that everyone at Trinity volunteered for something, supported a fundraiser and gave of their time and energy.

Times have changed but truth does not. Communities need church and church needs community. Thank you for investing in this community, together we are the exception, making impossible things possible. Trinity isn't surviving, we are bearing fruit. Two rural churches in the north will have ministers because of our community. Diane Tait is a student minister at St. Andrew's, Massey, and Pam Brown is approved as a candidate for ministry, awaiting an appointment to a congregation. Two communities will have children who have the option to go to church, two communities will have a safe place to land, to be together to be the exception in these changing times.

We have a treasure. "The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field" (Matt 13:44). We must protect what has been entrusted to us. This report tells of our joy, but also speaks to sacrifice. We must keep reminding ourselves that the option to go to church is a privilege, that community cannot be taken for granted, and what we share as a result of God's abundant grace is a treasure, that makes the sacrifice worth it all. We've worked hard, we are tired, we've been challenged to give more than we thought we had and we've been faced with the temptation to feel afraid by 'not enough'. If ever we doubt, or feel discouraged or begin to lose sight of the big picture, may each of you pick up this report. This document is a testimony, it is like a psalm that calls us to remember the faithfulness of God and the response of the people. Our joy is that we are in it, in real time we get to share in this treasure, shoulder to shoulder partnered with a God who is in the business of making the impossible, possible. Trinity, you are a treasure. Thanks be to God.

Submitted by Rev. Kathy Dahmer

WORSHIP

Worship Committee

The Trinity Worship Team consists of Sue LeBlanc, Lynne Bruce, Liz Chorkawy, Gaetanne Evans, Bryan Chisnell, Adrien Gravelle, Rev. Kathy Dahmer and Pam Brown. We gather throughout the year to connect, pray, contemplate and consider themes, activities and ongoing practices that will be meaningful to worshipping God as a faith community. This year we planned to be more intentional and consider our Spiritual nourishment by spending time at the beginning of our meetings for devotional / reflection time.

We are grateful for the offerings of music provided by many at Trinity. The Choir shared an anthem during most Sunday services throughout the year. As well, the Trinity Band brought a wealth of talent and rhythm, enhancing the Worship experience, particularly at our Intergenerational Services. At a Lenten service, the Band played “Love Like This” and Gillian signed the words. We’ve also been blessed by the Quintette who provided their gifts of music in June as well as December. In May, the Confirmation class, accompanied by Jonathon belted out the song, “You Will Be Found”... it was awesome! Additionally, Trinity’s Senior Youth were joined by Sarnia’s, Dunlop United Youth Group in November, singing “I Will Remember You”. That same service, Rev. Adam Kilner gave the Meditation and the Youth offered the lion’s share of the Worship components.

During times when Rev. Kathy was on study leave and vacation, the Worship Team provided much of the leadership in services. As well, Diane Tait, Bryan Chisnell, Larry Dahmer and Pam Brown offered Meditations. Additionally, Rev. Melody Duncanson-Hales provided pulpit supply for several services this past year. In June we shared a bitter-sweet time as we said goodbye to Diane Tait as she has taken on an Appointment at St. Andrew’s in Massey and attended her first year at Atlantic School of Theology. Rev. Kathy shared a beautiful and inspiring blessing for Diane and what seemed like the whole congregation laid hands on her as the words were spoken. In October, in recognition of “World Homeless Day”, the Mission and Outreach team presided over the service arranging for Guest speaker, Pastor Brad from Elgin Street Mission.



Trinity engaged in numerous special services throughout the year, including Holy Week with Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. This year we handed out garbage bags for Lent and considered “40 days of Letting Go”, focusing on the *garbage/baggage we carry and hear, both physically / emotionally*. A Palm Parade was particularly impactful as Laura pointed and shouted, “I see Him” describing Jesus entering

on a donkey. You had to be there! The Holy Spirit certainly was! Maundy Thursday service was well attended and included hand washing as well as sharing in a delicious meal around the Table. Good Friday held sacred space for the Worship Team along with Kristin to perform “*I was there*”. Rev. Kathy delivered inspiring, provoking and faith filled meditations as Worship rounded out weeks of Lent and Easter. Other special services throughout the year included the weddings of Bob and Linda Risk as well as Jonathon and Kryspin Swift. Baptism celebrations consisted of Dax at Trinity’s Font. As well, many in the congregation took to the shore of Meatbird Lake where Cody O’Neil and Rylee Wafer experienced full immersion Baptism. We are so grateful to Rev. Kathy for her willingness to perform this Sacrament in such chilly water! Special thanks goes to Rick Wise for the use of the wetsuits. Additionally, we celebrated the Dedication of Audette Back.

Trinity celebrated with other local churches for World Day of Prayer in March. This year the host church was St. Pius Catholic and the country we highlighted was Slovenia with a theme of “Come, Everything is Ready”. We are grateful for Brian Walton who provided the readings on behalf of Trinity in this special service. In another, the Trinity Teddies had a time of dedication during an early spring service, with some new colourful donated Teddies finding special homes.

Celebrating Communion throughout the year continued to include a time for healing prayers, with the exception at Lent, where we focused specifically at the Table. At Lent, we were greeted with the offering of fresh baked bread that Rev. Kathy would prepare to be ready for the time of the service. We would come hungry to the meal. As well, in addition to the regular monthly Communion Services, a Full Communion was conducted in June by the new Confirmands. We are extremely grateful for Ann Roy who so generously gives her time to set the Communion Table with the necessary elements throughout the year. As well, we want to thank Sue LeBlanc for crafting a second pottery plate for serving individuals as they partake in Communion from their seats. They’re beautiful!

The Christmas season consisted of the theme “Jesus, Light of the World”. The Worship Team gathered for a ‘work bee’ and assembled approximately 100 ‘Christ Candles’ to share at Advent 1. The ‘reusable’ candle base encouraged the congregation to continue to replace the candle when necessary and use it as a Spiritual Practice to centre oneself. The Base of the candles was stained glass (many sourced from Trinity’s original windows as well as the Creighton Church), with grateful thanks going to Lynne Bruce for the huge undertaking of cutting and preparing all of the pieces. During Advent, a specific Video played each week, accompanied by narration, accenting Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Additionally, we engaged as a congregation in reciting a ‘Body Prayer’ during this season, incorporating movement with words.

Trinity engaged in a Memorial Hymn Sing for the first time during the Christmas season and proved to be a particularly meaningful and moving service for all those in attendance. As well, during the season, community members, along with other churches gathered with

Trinity to Worship at the *Longest Night* service. Rev. Kathy provided a deeply powerful meditation and many stayed to linger with a cup of tea in the Narthex.

We are grateful to Adrien Gravelle for the creation and display of the ice candles that illuminated our path on Christmas Eve. The 4pm service, lovely music was provided by Larry, Kate and Ethan. Rev. Kathy shared a fun and uniquely different activity from the services of the past which involved a pageant of sorts. Although attendance was not typical of a Christmas Eve 4pm service, the congregational response and inclusive scripture retelling as well as the message of “there is room for all at the stable” was well received. Christmas Eve 7pm service included special Meditation from Rev. Kathy, candlelight Communion and a sweet Choir contribution. Christmas morning *Birthday Party for Jesus* provided time for sharing, story time with Kristin of where “Oliver fits” in with a message from Rev. Kathy as to how we fit at the stable. We sang and had birthday cupcakes and some of us held Baby Jesus...when Nicholas would share Him!



The year was choked full of beautiful Worship moments and the Team strives to evaluate and consider the seasons of the Christian year with themes that we hope the congregation will stir and build on their spiritual journey. Rev. Kathy continues to bring contemplative, edgy, thought provoking, challenging and God soaked Messages and prayers. We are a congregation that is experiencing the Kingdom and how Good God is...all the Time.

On behalf of the Worship Team
Pam Brown, Chair

Prayer Group

Thursday mornings 9am, we gathered weekly for prayer. “Where two or three are gathered, I will be there also”. Jesus words inspired this gathering- sometimes only two of us sometimes twelve. Each time we begin with listening to music, getting quiet and centered on God. We sat in a circle, listened to scripture, reflected and shared, and then spent time in prayer. It is a great way to start your day.

Submitted by Rev. Kathy Dahmer

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Encounter Night

Encounter is a monthly time of informal group worship. We spend about a half hour singing, then read and reflect on scripture, and a time of prayer. But most of all, it's about listening to the Spirit's leading. We've been led to pray for one another, talk of pictures God has given us, and simply be in His presence to go deeper in our faith.

Submitted by Larry Dahmer

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Choir

Choir Members

Linda Couillard, Donna Linville, Betty Walton, Ann Roy, Liz Chorkawy, Gillian McIntyre, Kate Gravelle, Nancy Smith, Nancy Nadjiwon, Linda Pulliah, Chantal Mercer, Rod Sein, Bob Hobden, Grant Vipond, and Jonathan Swift

Pianists

Stacey Foy, Cathy Sadder Wise and Jody Wall, also Trycia Simpson and Jonathan Swift 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.

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

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EDUCATION

Christian Education Committee

As I settle to sit down to write this report, I am tired and weary from a weekend filled with laughter, silliness and bravery. Our youth are daring to step outside the lines - teaching us, the adults that it is OK to NOT be ok, to share openly and to let others help us. Trinity has experienced a year filled with youth. The service planned by youth on Nov 10 was just the perfect example of how God-filled our little Trinity truly is. We courageously are handing over the torch little by little and becoming completely taken in. It is amazing what has happened in this past year.

The youth are in the HOUSE! Our Sudbury Sub-Hub is hopping. Weekly Sunday nights include cooking and eating together, worshiping through song, sharing reflections and personal stories. Our high school group - now part of the Sudbury Sub Hub - has created their very own little support - stretched out geographically, among at least 5 different high schools, these youth are building and fostering supportive relationships that will last them well into their adulthood. The proof is in our current young adult leaders, Ethan and Taylor, who have gone through our youth groups and LID development and are now working alongside each other to co-lead our current groups, under the direction of our current adult leaders, Pam Brown, Diane Tait, Mike Pushman, myself and Rev. Kathy. Our Junior youth group is growing by the week. Led by myself with the help of Melissa and Kevin McAllister and Greg Chisnell, we average a group of 13 kids every second Friday. These youth range in age from 9 to 13 years old, with the majority finding themselves between the ages of 9 and 11. The energy is high, driven by games and snacks. However, we do find time to learn about Jesus, as we are exploring the Fruits of the Spirit. Don't forget about Kids' Club!!!! Rev Kathy, along with her fearless group of leaders, meet 30 kids every Tuesday as they rehearse for this year's Christmas production of We Three Spies. Sidenote - many of our new Jr. Youth members are participating in this year's Kids' Club! As the year has drawn to a close, Rev. Kathy has secured a new Sunday School curriculum, and we are working on re-introducing some Sunday school classes.



As I continue to be in awe of the genuine and pure love for God that our youth are modelling for us, I am thankful for the ongoing Thursday morning Prayer group and monthly Encounter nights that help to nurture our adult selves. I would love to see a growing in numbers for these groups, however at the same time, their small numbers make for intimate gatherings where the Holy Spirit most definitely appears. Anyone interested in joining these groups, or offering a book or movie study is encouraged to reach out to the CE committee. God is good!

Submitted by Kristin Gibeault

Northern Youth Camp



“WOW”...yes, this expression can capture so much in the way of our emotion and NYC 2019 was all that and more! 35 participants, between campers and leaders, we were incredibly grateful for the unfailing persistence of Rev. Kathy Dahmer and in her knowing of how important such a time is for youth as well as leaders to gather together to play, sing, laugh and share the Goodness of God! A super line up of leadership was sought - Pastor Kevin, back again to provide such thought provoking and rich teachings, Rev. Adam K with his powerful gift of music worship leadership

taught us “Rollin’ Stones” and how we sang “King of my Heart” which songs are now both under our skin and in our hearts. Adam C’s drum beats and wisdom, Paige and Liam and their crazy awesome games and activities that brought us to heights of squeals and belly laughter. Rev. Melody, Diane, Kristin and Pam brought passionate energy and enthusiasm to round out the rest of the leadership team.

Youth joined us from Sault Ste. Marie to Capreol to Sarnia! Rev. Kathy managed to rally the Youth that had been to Leadership Development Camp which formed our a senior group and did they ever deliver on revealing their leadership skills! Similarly, some adult leaders shared a time in their lives where their wounds were turned into scars that have healed and how Jesus was present with all of them, despite the pain. Youth were able to see that they were not alone in their struggles...that none of us are.

During our time at camp, Pastor Kevin put together a video that had Youth considering God and the Church. Youth shared their convictions. It’s awesome! Check it out here: <https://youtu.be/4VzbLgrktII>

NYC 2019 - we came, we swam, paddled, sauna-ed, played board games and group games, enjoyed delicious meals by Kelly, sang, cried, shared, laughed and Worshipped God. We could easily translate **“WOW”** into a time that was transforming and life giving. God is so Good!

Submitted by Pam Brown

Sudbury Sub-Hub

The Sudbury sub-hub is part of a youth organization for high schoolers and young adults that is part of The Hub. The Hub is comprised of seven sub-hubs found throughout Ontario, with them being found in Sudbury, Kitchener, Waterloo, Hamilton, London, Burlington, and Guelph. The goal of Hub is to continue the ideals of what we had done in youth group but in a completely new fashion. Hub meetings are much more centred around a youth-led experience with adults having more of an advisory position with youth-leaders managing more of what happens from night to night. We are continuing our faith in God but allowing the youth and young adults to have more say in how we do it.



Here in Sudbury, our first formal gathering was in late August at one of our youth-leaders houses for fun and games, and a bonfire complete with music and bucket drumming. However, our first true Hub meeting came in early September and until the new year, we gathered together just about every Sunday night for about three or four hours. Since the new year, we have transitioned to meeting every two weeks to ensure that hubs are quality over quantity. Our normal gatherings are usually either potlucks with everything under the sun, or we pick a meal or type of cuisine and make dinner together as a group. We usually start our evenings at around six by listening to some music until everyone arrives and all of the food has been prepared. Then we eat together sitting around a table socializing about our week. After eating comes cleaning up in seemingly the most inefficient way possible, featuring more music to whistle to while we tidy up. Following cleanup comes games and devos, where the order varies from night to night. Games can be anything from Watchdog or gaga ball to Mafia or simple board games. Devos (devotionals) are usually done by a different person each night whether it's a youth, leader, or elder. Each devo is usually a story of some sort, a scripture reading, and some worship music. The night concludes with some more music to dance and sing to until the night concludes around eight-thirty or nine.

Submitted by Alec Carter

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Kids' Musical

It's hard to believe that our Kids Club has been going eight years. This year we reprised a favourite musical, **We Three Spies**. It tells the story of a group of kids who act as spies each Christmas season searching out ways to secretly spread the Christmas spirit. Their plans go awry when a "Cruella DeVille" character enters the scene with plans of her own. It was a wonderful story about the true meaning of Christmas without the need for packages or gifts.

We had our largest group of children so far. All 29 were enthusiastic and active in learning their songs and choreography. Many were from the community and first timers. They were loud, proud and loved to dance. They were also amazingly talented at learning the signing for several of the songs.

As in prior years we started in September, meeting weekly. There was fun and games to start each night (thanks, Diane Tait and Kristin Gibeault 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. Then it was on to Meadowbrook and a performance at Trinity during a church service. Our next performance was at the Kinsmen Hall for the Friendship Centre and then an evening performance back at Trinity 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 Janet Villeneuve 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

VBS 2019 - MakerSpace Camp!

This year's reflection will be submitted by two of our long time campers, the Holford boys.

'I like VBS because I like when we do art. I like it when we go to the God place. I like it because my friends are with me also I like it because I like switching to different stations and singing songs together about God. It is my favourite summer camp.'

Submitted by Logan age 7

'I like VBS because it is different and very cool. I like the activities that they do. I like the themes and the snacks are pretty fun. I like to meet many different people and each person who works at the camp is really nice. I have gone for 6 summers and each theme is very unique especially the songs they write. It is my favourite summer camp every summer. I think it is cool because we learn a lot and it is also fun.'

Submitted by Tyce age 9



Women's Retreat

This year, I was so excited about attending our church's women's retreat. It really is a spiritual and soul-soothing experience.

The drive into Hannah Lake via the dirt driveway or road as they, casually, call it, is in itself, an amazing experience. The minute I turn off Southview Drive onto Hanna Lake road to the camp, it feels like I am entering another dimension. There is a visible lessening of anxiety and tension. The weight of the world seems to fall away. This year, as we were halfway to the camp, we had to stop the cars, mine and Linda Pulliah's, who was behind me. We had to stop because two partridges felt that they had more ownership of that road than we did. They were determined they were not going to move. This incident brought a smile to my face and raised my spirits before I even got into the campground.

The meals at Hannah Lake are terrific. They always have plenty of coffee, treats, etc., but my favourite is always their homemade pies. Special mention has to be made about the homemade soup as well, not to mention the french toast with blueberries and maple syrup!

The tables were arranged differently this year as well. Instead of having individual tables with six to eight women seated around them, the tables were arranged in a square. In the center of the square was a round table with a beautiful tablecloth on it.

The instructions, via email, for all guests, were to bring something from home that reminded them of sitting around the table with family or friends.

It was amazing to me that every woman at the retreat stood up and spoke. Some of the women were shy than others. Often, the women were not used to speaking in public but every woman there had the courage and the bravado to stand up and speak about the article they had brought from home. The speeches weren't long, but they were always interesting, often heartfelt and memorable, and always entertaining. Often, after someone spoke, someone else would comment that it reminded them of something from their childhood that they had forgotten about. I often heard the comment. "I thought I had nothing to talk about, but now that I heard someone talk about their family heirlooms (teapot, cookie-cutter, etc.), I am reminded of....."

It was so nice to end a meal knowing that someone was going to share a story or talk about a treasured memory. No one wanted to leave the table. We were all enthralled. The feeling of love and acceptance and gratitude for these stories was amazing. It seemed that we felt more connected to each other and to God, after sharing our stories.

The theme of the Retreat this year came from Psalms 34:8. "Taste and see that God is good!" After our meals, we separated into small groups of 4 or 5 for discussion and sharing of thoughts and ideas. I found my group particularly insightful. I was very grateful to get to know people better and for the feelings of camaraderie that we developed.

This year, my friend and I shared a room together, and it was fun and comfortable to be able to go lie down if you wanted to - or to be alone for a minute if the spirit suggested it.

At the end of a fun-filled and fulfilling day, some of the women participated in games night, some opted to go to bed early and some relaxed by taking a hot, soothing sauna.

The best part about Hannah Lake for me is always the church. I know God hangs out in our hearts and in our own church, but God always hangs out at Hannah Lake too. The church at Hannah Lake just feels 'heavenly.' The windows overlook this gorgeous little lake and the view from the pews is stunning. The lights are always low. The lighting is always subdued. The feelings that are invoked in the church bring tears of joy. Somehow God's presence is felt more intensely and one is often filled with awe. Often we were moved to tears - and it was good.

I mention tears in the same paragraph that I mention Sarah Craig and Brenda Boudreau. These ladies are magic together. Sarah Craig is a brilliant piano player. When she closes her eyes and the tears begin to flow, Sarah will keep on playing, encouraging us to 'gel' in the moment and often we are transported into a different realm. In the soft light and the beautiful music, God's love was present and tangible.

A huge part of the experience at Hannah Lake is communion. It seems to always happen at dusk as the sun is softly setting and Kathy, our Minister, is always sincere and all-encompassing. The room is filled with peace and tranquility. We can feel the connection between us and God. There is something very special about communion in the little church at Hannah Lake.

Most of all, I am just grateful for Kathy. Kathy always gives her all when she gives a sermon, both at Trinity and at Hannah Lake. We were very privileged to listen to Kathy talk about her love of God and of God's love for us. God is present with us. We can feel it. Our connection to God and each other is palpable.

We were blessed to hear not one, but four sermons. We were blessed to spend this day bonding with each other. We were blessed! "Taste and know that God is good!"

Submitted by Delphine Nussey

Men's Canoe Trip

This past September 14, 15, 2019, eight men participated in the annual Trinity Testosterones canoe trip. This was another delightful trip to Crooked Lake, which is about an hour's drive south of Sudbury. We engaged in Christian fellowship with each other, over hearty meals and laughter. We even

had a few new participants to our Lively Band of Brothers. On a sad note, a long time participant of the Trinity Testosterones, Rick Swettenham, passed away suddenly this past December. He will be remembered for his fire making skills, campfire cooking and his quiet wit.



He was always willing to check out new canoe routes with myself, to determine its suitability as a weekend route for the guys. Next September we will tip our paddles in honour of Rick, as we start our next canoe trip adventure.

Respectfully submitted by Grant Vipond, Trip Convenor

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, Cathy Nadjiwon-treasurer, Mardi Mumford-Canadian Shield Regional Council representative, Rev Kathy Dahmer, Committee designates.

Council met five times during the year.

It has been a year of plenty. Our finances improved at the end of the year, our youth groups are bursting at the seams with eager participants and our precious volunteers are keeping everything running smoothly. At the risk of repeating last year's report and the years before that 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 team led by Gaetanne Evans , also Doug Wilkin and his team for organizing the annual fish fry, and other valuable members who organize successful fundraisers without which the church finances would be sadly lacking. Our youth leaders Kristin Gibeault, Diane Tait, Pam Brown, Mike and Linda Pushman, Greg Chisnell and many others 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 such as Helen Gavard (Dominican Republic outreach) and Adrian Gravelle (Out Of The Cold Suppers). Our trustees, lead my Mike Chorkawy deserve a big thank you from all members for keeping our building and property functioning well. 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 skills. Our challenge presents us with new opportunities to serve God with our plentiful 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, Ed Cretzman, Grant Vipond, Adrian Gravelle, Jason Tait, Larry Roy, Doug Wilkin, Mike Chorkawy (Chair)

Ex officio members: Rev Kathy Dahmer

2019 in Review Many small issues/problems identified and resolved.

Insurance: Renewal with the Co-Operators cost \$4296.

Roof: Roof and shingles showing wear on south side, required some missing tabs to be tarred.

Building: Upstairs furnace Independent Energy replaced igniter coil and control card, electrical power to upstairs furnace required re-serving into junction box.
Lower Hall maintenance plus had Reliable Cleaning strip and refinish lower hall and kitchen floors (cost covered by anonymous benefactor).
Carpet at lower ramp door removed, cleaned and replaced.
Table top repairs in the lower hall.
Lighting replacement as required.

Walkways & Yard: More repairs on shifted slabs on the lower walkway. Purchased and installed steel shed to accommodate snow blower which was acquired through monetary donation (anonymous benefactor).
Snow removal as required with congregation members' assistance.
Retaining wall repairs.
Grass cutting throughout the summer.

Manse Investment: The Manse Investment Fund as of Dec 31, 2019 stands at \$136,139.08.

Membership: The Team welcomed Larry Roy and Doug Wilkin as members.

2020 Projects

§ Ramp cement walkway repairs to be completed.

- § Investigation ongoing to convert Sanctuary overhead lighting to LED lamps in existing fixtures.
- § Refurbishment of men's washroom.
- § Investigate roof shingle requirements.
- § Purchase maintenance and insurance program for furnaces.

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 Get 'R Done Team)

We Still Love Heavy Metal!



Word is out to the Lively community that Trinity United Church is 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 2019 over 2018 - \$182.00 over \$174.06. Show your environmental pride and support Trinity by saving metal for this great fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted by Grant Vipond

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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:

Reverend Kathy Dahmer: full time minister

Diane Tait: 8 ½ hours secretarial and some financial duties

Mark Latvala: custodial services and snow removal for 8 ½ hours per week

Sharon Dinnes: contract bookkeeper

Sue LeBlanc; Music director

Stacey Foy, Cathy Stadder Wise and Jodi Walli: pianists

Gillian McIntyre summer works student- 8 weeks

Activity:

This is a behind the scenes committee that does the human resources duties and health and safety duties for the congregation. Meetings were held once a quarter. Trinity is a busy place with many of the staff pitching in to go above and beyond their job descriptions. We appreciate that work that both the staff and volunteers do to keep Trinity a vibrant, safe space to worship and be community.

Submitted by Mardi Mumford

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Spirit Committee

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

MEMBERS: MERCI BLACK, CAROL BOIS, LIZ CHORKAWY, BARB COTE, LYNDIA COUILLARD, LYNNE COX, GAETANNE EVANS, DEBBIE HEINS, DONNA LINVILLE, GILLIAN MCINTYRE, LINDA MORGAN, NANCY NADJIWON, LINDA PULLIAH, LEE RYSDALE, PAT SEIN, HEATHER TAYLOR, GRANT VIPOND, BETTY WALTON AND CAROL LEDINGHAM

SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS: CAROL BOIS and LINDA MORGAN.

The committee met 8 times over the year.

Once again the Spirit Committee had a busy year:

1. We had to cancel the planned Spaghetti Dinner for March 2nd due to poor ticket sales.
2. We provided the luncheon for the AGM.
3. We held 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 delicious desserts.
4. We were asked to provide a Turkey Dinner for the TOPPS GROUP which turned into a successful fundraiser for Trinity.
5. Linda Pulliah spearheaded and organized the new Trinity Photo Directory for 2019.
6. We held our Annual Jewellery Sale at the Walden Fall Fair. This fundraiser does not make a lot of money but is a great outreach to the community.
7. We successfully moved the Annual Turkey Dinner to the Arena. This venue allowed for up to date kitchen facilities and fully accessible washrooms.
8. We once again supported Gaetanne's Windmill Theatre Production "The Time of Your Life". This play although a lot of work was a HUGE success.
9. 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 delicious and beautiful cookie plates together.
10. We held our annual Sweets and Treats Auction in early December. This annual fundraiser is a fun and lively event spearheaded by Lynda Couillard. We served a delicious luncheon. We once again had entertaining auctioneers to keep the afternoon moving well. We had a great response once again from the congregation with donations and purchasing items!
11. Christmas Ice Candles: Adrian and Kate Gravelle made the ice candles for this year.
12. The Spirit Committee has taken on the duty of keeping the kitchen well stocked with supplies.

13. Coffee time and Greeters: This continues to be a challenge to get people to sign up for these weekly duties. Please sign up!!

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.

Activity Bags for children are 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 any 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.

FUNDRAISING BY SPIRIT COMMITTEE

1. SPRING LUNCHEON \$1700
2. WINDMILL THEATRE PRODUCTION \$4400
3. FALL TURKEY DINNER \$4500
4. SWEETS'N'TREATS \$1600
5. CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALES \$1384
6. TOPPS TURKEY SUPPER \$600
7. FALL FAIR JEWELLERY SALE \$364

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

May Birthday Group Dinner

Once again we gathered to celebrate those who have birthdays in May. This time we shared bread, drinks and laughter at Ripe, a restaurant in Sudbury. It is a diverse group, young and old; a fine way to develop and foster friendships. Though all are welcome at the table, practice has been that usually only the birthday person attends, sans family accompaniment. No material gifts are shared, but words of kindness and love go home

secretly tucked into each person's card. Once at home, we open our cards to read the special messages.

It is a mystery to the May Birthday people that others haven't taken this on too. Pick your month, find others who also have a birthday then, and arrange time together. This is our ninth year having a dinner group in May. The venue changes as per group preference. We share a special bond, and look forward to it each year. All are worthy, and perfectly made. So we celebrate!!

Submitted by Linda Pulliah

Trinity's Fish Fry



With earnings from the fish fry takeout coupled with the bake sale, we say it was a success! This year will be just as good since the Church supported the purchase of three more commercial size deep friers. Such friers are ergonomically friendly for the friers and the production time is quick, thus significantly reducing line-ups for our faithful consumers.

As always, this year's Fish Fry event is the Saturday after the long weekend in May: Saturday, May 23rd. This year's effort will also focus on no plastic bags and no plastic cutlery.

Thank you to all for your support.

Submitted by Patti & Doug Wilkin

Turkey Supper

After many successful and well attended turkey dinners in our church hall it was decided that we should take advantage of one of the city facilities available to us in Lively. The dinner was held on Saturday, November 2 at the fully accessible T.D Davies arena hall. The space was available to us for 2 full days at no charge and provided additional dining space, plenty of parking, as well as a functional and fully equipped kitchen. The many helping hands and this new space made it a resounding success and raised approximately \$4025.00.

Submitted by Gaetanne Evans

Live Theatre

Windmill theatre presented "That's Life" on the weekends of November 15th and 22nd. It featured local talent and looked at the comical antics of a group of senior citizens. The five live performances raised approximately \$4500.00 while providing great entertainment for the entire community.

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, Chris Gavard, Steven Back, Lynne Cox, Bill Evans, Jason Tait, Rev. Kathy Dahmer

We are thrilled to report that 2019 was a breakeven year. We would like to thank everyone that worked on or contributed to any of the special events last year. These special event fund-raisers are so important to our Church in several ways. Fundraising now represents approximately 22% of the revenue required to operate current Trinity. We are indeed a very generous people....an amazing \$30,451 was fundraised in 2019 for Church operations!! This amount does NOT include any of the designated project fundraising. But as critical as this revenue is, these fundraising events bring us together in a spirit of fellowship, contribution, cooperation and most importantly, fun! Please keep up the good work and let our committee know if there is anything we can do to help you achieve your goals.

The Annual Fish Fry, led by Patti and Doug Wilkin and their loyal volunteers, brought in a solid \$8,200. The last half of 2019 was a busy time with regard to fundraising. We celebrated another very successful Turkey dinner, in the new venue at the Tom Davies Arena, led by Gaetanne Evans and her amazing army of volunteers. Plus there were 2 new fundraisers: the Windmill Theatre in November, that thanks to the hard work of a large team led by Gaetanne and Bill Evans netted \$4800!!; and the newly introduced Memorial Christmas Hymn Sign, initiated by Rev. Kathy, netted \$1800 in its first year! Givings reached a record level for December this year, up \$3,500 over recent years. Thank you, thank you!

One of the goals of the Finance Committee in 2020 is to better inform the members and friends of Trinity as to our ongoing financial needs and help set goals and plan for the future needs of our Church. We will keep you informed of the use of time, talent and dollars in the work of Trinity and try to help members develop a stewardship lifestyle.

You will note in the Proposed Budget for 2020 that we are projecting a breakeven budget. We are entering the new operating year with approximately \$20K in the bank. But as our building continues to age, capital improvements and maintenance requirements will

increase and we hope to do some long range financial planning in conjunction with the Trustees to address this in the coming year. We will continue to monitor income and spending to ensure our Church's viability and our ability to continue to do mission and reach out.

A final thank you to the dedicated members of our committee. The future of Trinity looks "in the black" and spiritually bright.

Submitted by Finance Committee Chair: Cathy Nadjiwon

Team Access

Members – Peter George, Cathy Nadjiwon , Gaetanne Evans, 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.

This year we applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation which can award up to \$150,000 towards a project. Our application was denied funding. We plan on re-applying.

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

The stewardship committee is a sub-committee of the finance committee. The stewardship committee is responsible for education and encouragement of the congregation to continue to be good stewards of their many gifts to support the ongoing work of the church. The stewardship committee at times has launched a program offered by the national church, other times developed a narrative budget to help educate the congregation around our increased costs of paying our bills and balancing our budget. We work to bridge the gap that continues to grow as a result of the decline in giving's due to the loss of many elderly contributors. We celebrate the many members of the church who are on PAR (Pre Authorized Authorized Remittance) and will educate and offer this program to the congregation as a viable option for consistent giving's. These were the following activities of the stewardship team in 2019;

Northern Brass Spring Concert: \$520.85

Fall Fair Cinnamon buns: \$1511.00

Northern Brass Christmas Concert- cancelled due to snowstorm

Memorial Hymn Sing: \$1790

Special Thanks to Northern Brass Choir, as well as Ben Mercer for his cinnamon bun recipe and baking expertise.

Submitted by Ann Roy, Barb Cote, Karen McLeod & Rev. Kathy

Memorial Fund

As always, we thank the generous people in our congregation and community who donate to the Memorial Fund. The honouring of our past members helps to keep them in our hearts and to help with the ongoing work of our church. This year we remember Dave Syvanen, William Storozuk, Shirley Harju, R Gashinski and E Coulliard

The policy of the Memorial fund is to obtain permission for expenditures over \$100.00 from a family of the deceased . Through discussion with the family the priority is to honour the wishes of the family. This year we were able to support the repair of our aging furnaces, the purchase of a new office computer and software to go with it as well as supporting the leadership development of some of our youth at Silverlake Youth camp.

Donations in 2019: \$2182.50

Expenditures in 2019: \$3284.43

The balance of this account on February 3, 2020 was \$2,053.20

On behalf of Evelyn Cole and Lynne Cox

BEYOND

Canadian Shield Regional Council

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

After much build up to the changes in structure of the United Church of Canada, 2019 was a quiet year of transition. The financial changes to the assessment process were completed and now Communities of Faith support the work of the United Church of Canada with an annual assessment. In the 2020 year, our assessment is \$5,143.00. These monies provide for the administration of the General Council and the Canadian Shield Regional Council. The Mission and Service fund is now called simply M & S and is funded voluntarily by UCW groups, Communities of Faith and individuals. M & S funds mission

work with partners both globally and nationally. The Minutes for Mission booklet outlines many of the M & S projects. In 2019 Trinity's contribution to M & S was \$5 948.50.

The first meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council was held May 31st, June 1st and June 2nd in Sault Ste Marie. Over 170 representatives Including Communities of Faith and Ministry personnel attended from the Ontario border in the east, to Thunder Bay in the West, the southern boundary of the Sundridge Community of Faith and northern communities along Highway 11. This is quite a large geographic area. The meeting included work on setting up a governance structure, establishing membership on the Executive, the Commissions and the working teams. There were also plenary sessions about establishing Clusters and Networks, Discipleship and Volunteerism, Treaties. Workshops were also held with topics including Right Relations, Technology and its Uses, Church Hub, Churches without Paid Accountable Ministry, Loving Our Neighbour, and Living Faith Stories.

Rev. Peter Hartman is our Executive Minister (½ time for Canadian Shield and ½ for Shining Waters Regional Council) and staffing for the Canadian Shield Region include Rev. Will Kunder (½ time Communities of Faith support), Rev. Lillian Roberts (Pastoral Relations), Rev. Melody Duncanson Hales (Mission and Youth), Rev. Rob Smith (1/2 time Communities of Faith Support), Susan Whitehead, Rachel Howes and Joan Bailey are all part time administrators whom we share with Shining Waters Regional Council.

The Regional Council will meet again in person this June 5,6 & 7th. This will be an opportunity to consolidate our working teams and connect again with each other. There will also be a Sudbury wide worship service for all Communities of Faith on Sunday June 7, at 10:30 a.m. Mardi is on the Commission for the Support of Communities of Faith as the secretary. Rev. Kathy is on the Youth and Young Adult (YaYA) team. The use of technology has become important to do the work of the region. Most of the meetings are done via the internet. Mardi was also involved in planning a workshop for Communities of Faith in the Sudbury area that are without ministry personnel.

Trinity will be asked to help out with the Regional Council meeting with one of the meals. This will involve setting up and clean up, not cooking. There will also be a worship service on the Sunday for all the Communities of Faith to join together.

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Mission and Outreach

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

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.

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.

Mission and Outreach - Trinity Reach Out Fund

Many thanks to those who have contributed to the reach out fund during this past year. The reach out fund is an extension of the work of the mission and outreach committee. The fund is available to the minister to be able to provide for the immediate needs of those who find themselves needing support. The minister reports to the mission and outreach committee when requests have been made; although the specific needs and persons remains confidential. At times individuals from the congregation have needed subsidy to attend youth or adult programming and this fund has made it possible.

In 2019, \$420.00 was given to the reach out fund. During the year, \$887.69 was used to help in the following ways;

Gas cards, groceries, bus passes, Christmas presents/dinner for family, women's retreat subsidies, grocery cards.

Balance of Reach Out Fund: \$350.85

Submitted by Rev. Kathy Dahmer

Mission and Outreach - Out of the Cold

Our Team was scheduled to host 4 dinners this season, Nov 8 & Dec 20, 2019 and Jan 31 & Mar 13, 2020 . Cathy Harrington partnered with us to cook the first two dinners. We provided extra help in the kitchen to assist her for both of those nights. Cathy knows her craft well and is wonderful to work with.

On **Nov 8th**, we had the youth group up from Southern Ontario. In hindsight it would have been better to pair up inexperienced youth with those with more experience as at times they were not sure what to do next.

On **Dec 20**, a fight broke out at a table that lasted less than a minute. Police were called. The incident was resolved and our security escorted one of the individuals out without further incident. By the time police arrived all was resolved. This incident was unusual; and apparently only happened one other time in 20 years. One of our youth who was serving coffee in that area at the time, was frightened from witnessing this. She asked for another

job and I placed her elsewhere. I talked to her parents who were present and asked them to talk to her about her experience, which they did.

On this same night hosting due to my inexperience in delegating, the kitchen was left in less than stellar condition. I'm confident this will not happen again.

On **Jan 31**, I was organized and prepared. I was running short of help and put out the word for help from other team captains, 5 servers from other churches responded. In addition I invited three men from outside our church to serve coffee & tea. All went well and the feedback from volunteers was enjoyable. Christ the King Men's breakfast club do a fabulous job on the dinner.

Mar 13, Dinner A team has stepped up to prepare the food on this evening.

Updates and recommendations

Don McLeod has stepped down as chair or co-chair of our Trinity or OOTC team. He has offered to take the lead in overlooking everything that takes place in the kitchen, mainly dish washing and clean-up. This will be a blessing.

Youth & Teen Volunteers It is my recommendation when we have youth under 14 years I find them jobs where they are not on the floor serving. With youth from 14 to 16 years old I recommend I or who is lining up the servers, always partners them with an adult.

My proposal moving forward is that we either team up with another church, or only retain certain responsibilities, example dish scraping and serving that would only require a total of about 18 to 20 volunteers.

My plan is to find someone else from our church to share the planning coordinating and recruiting of volunteers for next season.

Submitted by Adrien Gravelle

Mission and Outreach - Downtown Coffee

Five years and we're still going strong. Once a week, weather permitting, we go downtown and give coffee, cookies, conversation and smiles away. We meet people from all walks of life and make everyone's day a little brighter. If you would like to donate coffee, cookies or your time, please call Barb at 705-692-0503.

Mission and Outreach - Trinity Loving Care Team

Tender Loving C's—connect, care, communication

Team Members: Liz Chorkawry, Del Nussey, Kate and Adrien Gravelle, Linda Pulliah, Shirley Cranstan, Sue LeBlanc, Pam Brown, Rev. Kathy Dahmer

The TLC team is the pastoral care team at Trinity United Church. The team works to support the minister with pastoral care by calling, visiting and sending cards to members of the congregation. The team meets at least once a season for team building, check in, prayer. The minister works with the team to extend care and review names of those who are needing pastoral care. The team understands confidentiality, healthy boundaries and communicates regularly with the minister.

Submitted by Rev. Kathy Dahmer

Mission and Outreach - Dominican Republic Pilgrimage March 2020

The Trinity team of 15 participants has been in high gear all year raising money for our pilgrimage to the Dominican Republic March 15-21, 2020. We have exceeded our required goal of \$16,000 which will pay for the projects, accommodations and meals while we are there. We have baked butter tarts, cooked corn, sold poinsettias and flower bulbs, bagged groceries and hosted Trivia Night. We've been the recipient of funds from the UCC Agatha Kaasa bursary, the International Aid Grant from OSSTF and donations from our congregations, families and friends. We are so grateful for the support from Trinity, Grace United and our community.

Our facilitator, The Samaritan Foundation will be putting us to work on repairing houses and building new windows and doors in previously constructed houses. As well we will be offering a sewing workshop at their vocational school.

<https://www.thesamaritanfoundatindr.com/>

We have tried to learn about life and customs in the DR before we leave. But we are looking forward to seeing first-hand the real issues the locals experience every day – social, cultural and spiritual. May God help us embrace grace in all situations.

Please hold the team in your prayers.



Dear Lord, Bless this team as well as the lives of those we will encounter in the Dominican Republic. Ready us to make every moment count.

Mike and Maddy Pushman Debbie and Grant Vipond Rev. Kathy, Larry and Kate Dahmer

Marilyn Boileau Pam Brown and her sister Patti Storozuk

Chris and Helen Gavard Eva Maciaszek and her daughter Rachel Kristin Gibeault

Submitted by: Helen Gavard

Mission and Outreach - Birthday Party in the Park



The last Sunday of July has been a special day for the last 6 years now. Once again, our Community of Faith hosted the inner city *Birthday Party in the Park* event in downtown Sudbury. This gathering reminds us that ALL of our births are worthy of celebration! We were blessed this year to have the vocal stylings of Sarah Craig Matt and some of her band, sharing a variety of familiar tunes. Straight from Sunday worship, any Trinity folks filled their cars with all the means to set up for an awesome afternoon of music, hotdogs, watermelon, freezies and 'birthday cupcakes'! The weather did not disappoint as we danced, played games and enjoyed each other's company in the sunshine. The generosity of the Trinity congregation, businesses such as Battistelli's, Home Hardware and Pepsi-Co and St. Andrew's United provided donations and equipment

to help make the day a success. Many were fed and many smiles were had. Indeed, God is Good!

Submitted by Pam Brown

Homeless Connection

Over the last 9 years, Trinity United Church has so generously supplied me with these items for the street people. 1, t-shirts, 2 socks, 3 underwear, 4 mitts, 5. Scarves. As well Trinity also saved hundreds of milk bags to be made into sleep mats. Susan Hause and I prepare the bags to be cut into strips for weavers on Manitoulin Island.

The folks at Trinity have brought travel size- soap, hand cream, mouth wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste to give out. These items are so important because soap etc can only be used once.

I am so thankful when I can call Rev. Kathy and ask her to mention to the congregation that I am in need of some items. Right now we are desperately in need of winter boots. Hopefully some will turn up at the church. I am very happy to pick them up at your home. Call Susan at 705 692 1476. Thank you all for your support.

Submitted by Susan Leishman

United Church Initiatives and M & S Fund

M & S is a unified fund and is the heart and soul of the United Church of Canada. This past year has seen a change to this fund which is now solely for the support of programs within Canada and globally. The previous Mission and Service Fund used a percentage of the donations to fund the administration portion of the United Church of Canada. This administration portion is now covered by a yearly assessment of the Community of Faith based on a percentage of the revenues.

2019 donation to M & S \$5, 948.50



GOD IS GOOD!