

2023 SHELBURNE PRIMROSE PASTORAL CHARGE ANNUAL REPORT

Trinity United Church Annual Report

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SHELBURNE PRIMROSE PASTORAL CHARGE **MINISTER'S REPORT**

Rev Valerie Vande Wiele resigned effective December 21, 2023. We wish her well in the future.

MEMBERSHIP/RITUAL REPORT

Deaths, Baptisms for Shelburne/Primrose Pastoral Charge 2023

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Kees VanPoelgeest	May 6, 2023
Lois Allen	May 29, 2023
Shirley Brown	August 7, 2023
Bernice Cunningham	October 29, 2023
Baptisms	
Brielle Elizabeth Lee McCol	ll, baptized November
26, 2023, daughter of Ali and	d Alexander McColl

Greyson Michael Scace, baptized August 20, 2023, son of Michael and Orsolya Scace (Primrose) Submitted by Jean Chevne

FINANCE

I would like to thank Gordon Gallaugher for his timely work in keeping the books in order providing monthly statements. Wishing everyone good health in 2024 and thanking you for your continued support of our pastoral charge.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hawthorne

WORSHIP & OUTREACH

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer." - Romans 12:12

This past year has been an eventful year. Many exciting things happened and we look forward to our future. Please find a summary of the events of the past year.

In April 2023 Primrose United Church shared at our Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral charge meeting that they did not have enough money to continue past the end of 2023. Consideration to possibly sharing the time of a Minister amongst 2 or more churches was a Through this process, Ed and possibility. Shelley led our church in an discussion to identify what is important to our church and it

was clear that Sunday worship was important to the congregation. On Sunday, July 9th, Rev. Ann Harbridge led us in worship then a Congregational meeting to discuss what a Collaboration agreement would look like. Ed and Shelley continued to work with Ann Harbridge on a collaboration agreement.

On September 29, 2023 we received a request from Primrose United Church that they would like to amalgamate with Trinity United Church. On Sunday, October 22 we had a Congregational meeting to discuss the request from Primrose United Church and to vote on if we should proceed to explore this request. The Congregation voted yes to proceed. Ed and Shelley agreed to work with Primrose United Church on an Amalgamation agreement, as the collaboration agreement was stalled.

Ed and Shelley worked with the Primrose Committee and Ann Harbridge to develop a Draft of an Amalgamation agreement. A Draft was created, shared with members of the Primrose and Trinity United churches and voted unanimously on January 28, 2024 to Amalgamate.

Congratulations to the all the members of both of the Collaboration committees for your hard work and thank you to Ann Harbridge for your leadership.

We will move forward as Trinity Primrose United Church as of January 1, 2024.

Trinity United Church celebrated their 152nd Anniversary. Steve Anderson was our guest speaker and he gave an inspirational message about Christian Hope.

Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele took 4 weeks of well-earned vacation in the summer of 2023.

July 16th, we had Reverend Joyce Kelly along with her son-in-law, Gary Heaslip.

August 27th, we had a hymn sing of 21 favorite hymns submitted by congregation members.

On September 20th we received the sad news that Reverend Valerie Vande Wiele was resigning from the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge. Her last day was Sunday, December 17th. We had a potluck lunch and presented Reverend Valerie with gifts of appreciation. We wish Reverend Valerie all the Best in her future endeavors.

The choir organized the Christmas Eve service, with the help of Reverend Valerie Vande Wiele. Paul Boon took the lead in organizing a beautiful Christmas Eve service.

Respectfully submitted, Darlene Morrow

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2023 was a difficult year in many ways. The viability of the church weighed on my mind, and probably yours too. I was performing out of town on many Sundays. Thankfully, Mary Runciman was able to play the piano in my absence. We are very lucky to have a good relationship with her.

The closing of Primrose was concerning, and the upheaval of Valerie leaving added to my uncertainty. The GOOD NEWS from my perspective is that we are, at this point, seemingly much stronger than we were.

As we had no minister for our Christmas Eve service, the choir took on the job of organizing and conducting the service. Paul Boon was in charge, took it very seriously, and in the end I believe we had a marvellous service.

During that period it became apparent that we (the choir and I) needed to step forward a lot more. Since then we have managed to sing an anthem every week, which is new for us.

The choir will be organizing and conducting the Good Friday service this year.

The instruments are functioning well, although I know that the organ needs to be played a lot more. The piano in the sanctuary is in very good shape, but in need of a tuning at this point.

I would like to move the small piano from the "choir room" to the large room in the hallway, and then tuned. The choir meets before each service, and it is somewhat uncomfortable practicing while the congregation is arriving. The present "choir room" is really a passageway. The room down the hall has a door, and we could do our run- through without distraction, or inhibiting the many conversations that take place in the sanctuary.

I am very much looking forward to the coming year, I will not be absent very often, and I assume Mary will cover for me when needed.

Thanks,

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT

The members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee had been meeting the first Tuesday of every month 4:30-5:30pm. However with the news of the Primrose church in financial difficulty and the resignation of Rev. Valerie there was a lack of items to discuss. The Ministry and Personnel Committee offered to discuss the resignation letter with Rev. Valerie. We also asked her to reconsider her resignation. Both offers were declined. Furthermore. The Ministry and Personnel Committee wanted to hold an exit interview with Rev. Valerie and make a presentation to the congregation, however Rev. Valerie refused an exit interview. Once Rev. Jan begins her 6 month tenure at the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge we will have the following priorities:

- 1. To support the Music Director, the Communications Coordinator and the Custodian during this time of change. With pulpit supply, a part time minister and an increased amount of groups wanting to rent the church, effective communication is going to be key.
- 2. We have had a number of situations where our staff have felt unsafe and or uncomfortable, To keep the staff safe, we have installed a monitored alarm system with panic buttons in case a situation arises again. It is our job to ensure the staff feel safe and are protected.

I want to thank our Musical Director Bruce Ley, our Communications and Technology Coordinator Irene Chinyenze, the Custodian of Trinity, Terry Ouellette, and Gord Gallaugher, the Keeper of the Accounts, for their cooperation, service and support that you have provided during my time as Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. I would also like to thank the many people with whom I have served on the Ministry and Personnel Committee for your co-operation, creativity, enthusiasm, loyalty, support dedication. and wisdom.

Submitted by Jennifer Crewson

PASTORAL CHARGE OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

KAIROS

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First Line for Syria Annual 2023 report:

2023 is now behind us and unfortunately, we still have no happy news to report regarding our next two families, who are still languishing in the notorious Azraq refugee camp. They are stuck in this desolate place, isolated far into the desert of Jordan.

This has been a tragic situation for them, thinking they would only be there for a few months, but now this has lasted for the past 11 years. There is no schooling for the children, and no work for the adults. The children do not ever see a blade of grass or a tree - it is unbearably hot there at times - with horrid sandstorms - or wet, bitterly cold, and muddy. Living there offers no hope, only a dismal existence. Sadly, it appears to us that our government does not prioritize the final screening in Jordan. It is difficult for us trying to explain to their relatives here why these families have still not been processed.

Recently we were just informed that the 'tent' where one of our families is living in went up in flames, in the middle of the night. The fire had started in neighbour's tent and quickly engulfed our family's, and they barely made it out in time before it all exploded. Thankfully our family suffered no injuries, but they have lost all their meager possessions; all clothing, shoes, sleeping mats etc. Fires are common in this camp- as people cook over small open stoves, have oil lamps burning for lighting etc. The neighbour got seriously injured and is hospitalized.

Our most recently-arrived family is doing well in Alliston, now 2 years since their arrival. Ahmad is working at Walmart as well as taking ESL in the mornings, together with his wife Ruwaida. The younger children are excelling in school and speak fluent English. The oldest daughter Fatima is working full time at the Honda canteen and hopes to go to college. Ahmad is planning that when he is completely fluent, he will be able to take on a better-paying welding job to support his large family. Ruwaida is also hoping to go to college, to get a practical nursing degree. It is very rewarding for us to see them doing so well and happily integrating into our local community. In the past year they took part in our Primrose plant and bake fundraising event, where they introduced the members of our congregations to deliciously homebaked Syrian sweets.

First Line for Syria was also happy to connect with the congregation at Trinity Centennial United Church in Rosemont this past year. They raised some welcome funds for us, following our presentation, where we explained our local refugee work.

Our first sponsored family: Khaleel, Sabah and Helin, are doing fine in London and we stay in touch. They are all now Canadian citizens! Helin is in university and also working part time. She will have her honour's degree in business administration by the end of the school year. We are so very proud of her! It has now been almost 8 years since they arrived in our local community.

Karin and Wally also took part when Emad and Razan and their children (Fatima, Mohammad and Sarah) in Orangeville celebrated 8 years since their arrival in Canada. They have all become our dear friends, and it is impressive to see how this very first Syrian refugee family to arrive in our local community has made such a successful transition to life in Canada. Doing refugee work is immensely rewarding when we can celebrate such successstories as these!

All our refugee friends are of course deeply affected by the Israel/Gaza war these days. Traumatized, from fleeing the Syrian civil war, they are frightened by the recent turn of events. They are also horrified by the return of more bombing of their homeland, which already was devastated by the earthquakes in the past year.

First Line for Syria is looking forward to continuing our relationship with what will hopefully be our newly amalgamated church: Trinity Primrose United Church. We are relieved to know that our beloved church-community will still back our important outreach interfaith and refugee work.

If anybody else wishes to join First Line for Syria we would gladly welcome more members. Hopefully in this coming year at least the first of our next two families will arrive and then there will be lots of work to do!

Respectfully submitted by Karin Klouman, for First line for Syria.

Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank

Another year has passed - another year of increased usage at the foodbanK! Did you know that we are serving 400% more clients than we did in 2015? As the town grows, so do the needs.

We are thankful to this community for their support in helping us to aid our neighbours who are suffering from food insecurity. Our need for community partners to be involved in addressing food insecurity in North Dufferin continues. Some people might think it was only an important issue during COVID but the need has greatly increased since then. The poverty reduction strategies that all levels of government were to identify and address are clearly not working, need review and need all of us to let our local government know this and take greater responsibility in addressing the needs of ALL their residents.

In the meantime the foodbanK continues to operate Wednesdays and Thursdays out of the Mel Lloyd Center. Deliveries to medically fragile seniors happen once a month and our Seniors Farmers Markets will begin again in March, held once a month at the four county run seniors homes in Shelburne.

We are extremely grateful to the congregates of Trinity United for your ongoing support of the foodbanK - both with food and monetary donations. Money donations can go to the church with direction to go to the foodbanK and this donation will be added to your church tax receipt at the end of each year. We continue to be all volunteer led which allows all donations to be used on our clients but with the increase in demands find ourselves beginning the process of doing strategic planning to help outline what the next 3-5 years will look like. We thank the church for allowing us to continue to hold our monthly board meetings there.

We will miss Rev Valerie VanderWiele for her leadership as chair of our board for the past two years as well as a monthly bagger. We also are thankful for the many volunteers who have been and are currently volunteers from this pastoral charge!! It takes a village to care for our village! Let's work together to make sure no one in ours is going hungry.

Respectfully submitted, Ardith Dunlop

Shelburne Hamper Program

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge supplied toilet paper this year.

Mission and Service

Mission & Service is The United Church of Canada's main fund for mission and ministry. Mission & Service donations support congregations and new church development, Canadian outreach programs, international relief and development, training and supporting ministers, and maintaining ecumenical relationships.

For a great overview of where resources are distributed have a look here at the United Church of Canada website. <u>www.unitedchurchofcanada</u>. Learn how together we can transform and save lives, inspire meaning, and build a better world.

Check out, 'Stories of Our Mission' and meet United Church generosity in action.

Each church contributed to the Mission and Service Fund, determining at the annual meeting the amount that has been suggested by the councils. At the year end, the amount collected is sent to Mission and Service on behalf of the church. If you wish to give specifically to Mission and Service, you can indicate this in your regular giving. Note that monies collected in the "Red Pig" and "White Churches" also goes to Mission and Service.

SLATE OF OFFICERS/POSITIONS FOR PASTORAL CHARGE COUNCIL 2023

Executive of Pastoral Charge Council Chair of Pastoral Charge Council Shirley Farnell/Karin Klouman Barr Chair of Trinity Council rotating Clerk of Session Primrose Secretary of Council Paula Cameron Treasurer of Council: Dave Hawthorne Chair of M&P Jennifer Crewson Chair Mission and Outreach Chair of Pastoral Charge Finance Committee Dave Hawthorne Minister: Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele

Trinity Members to Pastoral Charge
Ann McAlpine/rotatingSecretaryPaula CameronTreasurer Dave HawthorneWOW Regional Rep Mary Hawthorne

Chair or Representative of Committees Membership Jean Cheyne **Property** Wayne Ferrier Pastoral Care Geraldine Sherritt Trustee Wendy Crewson Worship **Primrose Members to Pastoral Charge Council Representatives from Primrose:** Shirley Farnell (chair-council rep.) Karin Klouman (chair-council rep. and/or outreach rep.) Gail Brown (past chair- council rep) Beth Brown (secretary- council rep.) Fran Braiden (treasurer -council rep) Sabine Rohner-Tensee (council rep) Jeff Rohner-Tensee (council rep) Wally Barr (Trustee) Ken McGhee (member at large) **Dianne Irwin (member at large) WOW Regional Representative** Chairs or Representative of Committees Glen Thompson Trustees Gwynn McGhee Worship **3** Members at Large Ken McGhee Karin Klouman Jeff Cottam There are 5 Joint Pastoral Charge Committees. They are - Ministry and Personal Worship Committee **Finance Committee** Mission and Outreach

PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH

PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 26, 2023, 2pm (zoom/in person) In Attendance: Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele, Shirley Farnell, Ken & Gwynn McGhee, Beth Halstead,

Trish Yeates, Alice Jones, Sandra Wells, Lorraine Gentleman, Karin Klouman & amp; Wally Barr, Fran Braiden, Sabine & Jeff Rohner-Tensee, Gord & Gail Brown.

1. Welcome and call to order by chair Karin.

2. Ken Wells was remembered in prayer as well as listed In Memoriam—a member who will be missed by all.

3. Moved by Shirley, seconded by Gord, that all adherents be allowed to vote at this

meeting. Carried.

4. Moved by Sabine, seconded by Fran, to accept agenda as amended (adding recommendation to be brought forward, by M&P). Carried.

5. Moved by Shirley, seconded by Gord, to approve minutes from annual meeting Feb, 2022. Carried. No new business arose from these minutes.

6. Fran presented the financial report. Moved by Fran, seconded by Gail, to approve the financial report. Carried.

7. Fran presented the revised 2023 Budget. Moved by Fran, seconded by Wally to approve the 2023 Budget. Carried. Special thanks to Fran for all her hard work –much appreciated by all.

8. Moved by Fran, seconded by Gail, to accept the Pastoral Charge Financial Report as presented in the annual report, with clarification from treasurer on Canada Helps amount received for Primrose vs Canada Helps amount transferred back to Primrose.

Carried. (Fran will contact Dave Hawthorne for confirmation)

9. Moved by Wally, seconded by Gord to accept Auditor's Report for Primrose, with many thanks to Dianne and Bruce Irwin. Carried.

10. Karin will ask Dianne and Bruce whether they will be our auditor next year.

11. Moved by Fran, seconded by Gord, that we ask for Auditor's Report for Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge (including First Line for Syria) which was not included in the annual report. Carried.

12. Moved by Shirley, seconded by Wally, to approve the Primrose Streamlined Council as submitted, with Jeff Rohner Tensee as new member, representing M & P. Carried.

13. Karin introduced a new committee on which Trish and Karin have begun working: Affirming & Welcoming. New members are welcome! Trish gave an explanation on what it will entail becoming an Affirming Church and gave details of the steps needed to be completed to achieve this recognition. It will be a lot of work but is a very exciting endeavour for our church. Many thanks to Trish for all the work she has done and is doing! Jeff offered to assist in areas of accessibility when it comes to that stage of planning.

14. Moved by Ken, seconded by Sabine, to approve Primrose starting the Affirming Process. Carried.

15. Moved by Fran, seconded by Gord, that we have a minimum goal of \$750 for M&S for 2023. Carried. 16. Membership report: Our current membership is32 members.

17. Moved by Gord, seconded by Wally to approve the Committee Reports for 2023 as submitted. Carried.

18. Forming a Worship Committee was discussed, to offer support for our minister when it comes to planning special services, selecting hymns etc. Sabine & Karin offered to serve on this committee which will have up to 5 meetings per year.

19. We discussed "A way forward": Many ideas for events were presented which might help to help our little church grow by reaching out to our local community, surrounding area and the wider community:

□ Sabine explained her suggestion of bringing people together at the church, using the church as a host building only, and inviting anyone interested in the current food security problem, as well as perhaps Jamie who has done garden initiatives, and members of Shelburne's food bank, to brainstorm ideas that may help.

 \Box Rev. Valerie explained how the food bank works, and the great need they see each week and each month.

□ Beth discussed possibility of increasing awareness of what we are doing at our little church, possibly by means of a sign, or use of different venues and, thus, other groups' contacts through their signs or advertising means. We need to bring more people from outside our own doors to attend our events and find out what we are doing and who we are.

□ Gail discussed fundraising ideas that had been brought forward at the meeting. She discussed that we will try to do a few things on a larger scale, rather than a lot of smaller events, in order to try to meet our needs this year. The Mother's Day plant and bake sale will continue, with possibly new name and new venue, details to be determined shortly. There will be a euchre/games night at the New Horizon's Room on Sat., April 15th, for a fun night with the community.

 \Box Rev. Valerie discussed a possible seed exchange we may try, where people can exchange seeds that have been grown in the area over the years, as well as seeds of different cultures. We may have people try to save seeds as they harvest their gardens in the fall, in order to do this type of event next year.

20. Rev. Valerie presented the M&;P recommendation that, due to UCC's increase in

salary of minister's salary by 3.4%, that we increase both secretary and music director's salaries by 3.4% each, as well. Moved by Jeff, seconded by Gail to accept the M&P recommendation as presented. Carried. Rev Valerie also clarified that since cost of living for Shelburne area has now moved up one level (from UCC level 4 to Level 5) her salary will also be slightly increased with \$ 1000 yearly.

21. Special services were briefly discussed: Easter, Covenanting Service in the garden at Primrose in late May, possible hymn sing by the garden in the summer, anniversary in October, Thanksgiving service, Remembrance Day service and Christmas service.

22. Rev Valerie closed the meeting in prayer.

23. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Primrose Church Chair Report

The year 2023 was a difficult year for Primrose. In April we realized we could no longer afford to pay the approximately \$3000 per month to our Pastoral Charge. Our diminishing attendance and aging membership were contributing to this dilemma. In September we finally held a congregational meeting to discuss our future. The meeting was very well attended, and after much discussion the overwhelming result of the vote was to amalgamate with our sister church: Trinity United Church in Shelburne. Part of the Amalgamation Agreement is to keep the Primrose church building for at least another year and try to make it remain relevant by holding some special services there.

However, in the year that was we still held several fundraising events. We hosted our usual Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale with great success. It was this time held at Primrose Elementary School- and the gymnasium was full of vendors, plus all the pre-order plants. Later we organized a successful Talent Show at the Centre Dufferin High School in Shelburne. Several local and talented musicians, singers and dancers took part. In September we held a fall plant sale and offered "Dogs and Cobbs" to those picking up their plants.

A very big thank you to Gail Brown for all her organization and incredibly hard work in running our fundraising events in the past year. These funds kept our little country church wellfunctioning until the very end of the year. On August 20, 2023 the church was full again, as we celebrated the Baptism of Greyson Micheal Scace, son of Michael and Orsolya Scace. In October we celebrated our 148th Anniversary. We invited Trinity to worship with us and the choir performed beautifully for us as well. The guest speaker was Rev David Howes. The little white country church was full and very happy that day! On November 5th another special Remembrance Day service was held, also well attended. Wally Barr recited in Flanders' fields and Dianne Irvin read out the veteran roll. At Primrose the tradition is to read out the names of all those from our local community who took part in the war efforts, not only those who were killed during the war.

On December 17th we held our Christmas service complete with beautiful Christmas hymn singing with the choir present as well. It was also a very well attended celebration and was Rev Valerie's last service for us. Our gratitude goes out to her for all the effort she put forth in making this a very fitting and loving event - since this was also our very last service as Primrose Church. There were some tears shed among us all as we naturally experienced some sadness- yet there was also joy as we now look forward to the future as a newly amalgamated church community.

A very big thank you to each and every one of our congregants and adherents, who have helped to make this last year a year to remember at Primrose.

Respectfully submitted by Co Chairs: Shirley Farnell and Karin Klouman.

2023 Primrose Care Group Leaders' Annual report

The care group leaders from Primrose have been in regular touch with our various members in the past year. This contact has involved many friendly phone calls, dropping by for visits, delivering our quarterly newsletters in person, or trying to bring some cheer by dropping off flowers from time to time, and also delivering goodies /gift baskets– especially for those members of our congregations who cannot make it out to our church-services on a regular basis. We also offer our sympathies and extra support when there is an illness or a passing of a loved one- and try to connect the congregants with our minister when that is required for spiritual support and guidance.

The care-group system aims to foster a strong relationship between our congregants and our minister. As we currently do not have a minister, we will have to 'step up' the effort to keep in touch , this coming year, to support those who are shut-ins, elderly and/or are struggling with ill health.

There will be some re-organization of the number of care-group leaders and there will likely be some new group formations going forward. If you wish to join our care-group teams as a leader, or of you are intending to withdraw, please contact **Karin** at <u>kyonkennels@gmail.com</u> or **Shirley** at <u>mandsfinprimrose@aol.com</u>.

We have much to learn from the many senior people in our individual care groups whose families have supported Primrose church through many generations. We consider our 'flocks' as a valuable resource and especially welcome suggestions from our older long-term congregants, and adherents, on how to best move forward with our newly amalgamated church. Our elders always generously offer so much welcomed wisdom and experience!

Many of us also stay in touch with those congregants/adherents, who no longer live locally. The Primrose family has for a long time not only included those who live nearby, but it also extends to our many friends, who have moved away, but who still have remained interested in our church community- and we are hoping this will continue for the foreseeable future, for our newly amalgamated church.

> Respectfully submitted by Karin Klouman, On behalf of the Primrose Care Group leaders.

Property Report Re 2023: Primrose United Church

In late 2022 I agreed to take on the role of Property chair, after Glen Thompson resigned due to his ongoing health issues. Our thoughts go out to Glen, with much gratitude for all the work he has done for us, over the past several years.

I kept the role of property chair (and trustee) during this past year, and I will continue to be your 'Primrose property guy', in order to keep an eye on our little country church, through 2024. There have been minimal property issues to deal with in the past year and I don't expect much to change in the coming year. I will of course check the church occasionally to make sure there is no vandalism or other issues occurring while we are closed for regular Sunday services.

The compostable toilet has now been emptied but I realized it had not been used as directed. However, it can easily be made ready again for any special services which might occur in the coming year.

Bob Allen has agreed to continue snow blowing, as this is necessary, to maintain the insurance on the church. Much gratitude goes out to Bob for agreeing to take on this task again.

Bruce Hodgson has also kindly agreed to continue cutting the grass through the summer of 2024. Many thanks to Bruce.

Church members and/or adherents cleaned the church after Christmas and at the same time took stock of our inventory. This was much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted by Wally Barr.

WOW Rep Report Primrose

The WOW annual report is somewhat short. I attended several zoom meetings where there were many churches discussing the lack of ministers and strategies to remain open - a challenge we at Primrose of course know all about firsthand. Going forward hopefully there will be more in person meetings to help create connection between us all and help each other find ways to stay open, vital and relevant to our communities. Thankfully, Mary Hawthorne will remain as a while representative for newly amalgamated Trinity Primrose United Church

Respectfully submitted, Sabine Rohner-Tensee

Meditation Garden 2023 annual Report

Our little garden at Primrose has matured nicely and we are now able to dig perennials to sell at the plant sale. We did pay for some help with it, this past year, but a few of us got together to clean it up in the fall.

With a few volunteers we think we can easily keep this unique meditation garden growing and well-kept, and as tribute to the heritage of our Primrose Church community even as our church is closing. We are hoping that the newly amalgamated Trinity Primrose United Church will also see the value that this quaint garden provides for the local community.

Additionally, the arbor would make a pretty backdrop for a quiet summer wedding. As always, we urge everybody to feel free to visit anytime and spend some time there to meditate.

Due to financial restraint in the last year we decided to no longer be a paying member of the Quiet Garden Movement, which encourages access to outdoor spaces for prayer and reflections worldwide. It is our hope that maybe the newly Amalgamated Trinity Primrose United church might consider joining again. There are over 300 quiet gardens around the world.

Meanwhile our small, beautiful space is there for anyone needing some quiet respite from this hectic world.

Respectfully submitted. Shirley Farnell.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR TRINITY COUNCIL 2023 **Chair of Council** –rotating Vice Chair -Secretary - Paula Cameron **Treasurer** - Dave Hawthorne WOW Regional Representative - Mary Hawthorne Ministry & Personnel: -Susan Boon Jennifer Crewson Poynter (Chair) Membership -Jean Chevne Trustees -Wendy Crewson (Chair) -Jamie McAlpine -Linda Lennox Worship **Property** -Wayne Ferrier -Joe Cruikshank **Pastoral Care** Geraldine Sherritt (Chair) Linda Moore Mary and Glenn Laverty/ Marion Webb Grant and Faye Ferguson Darlene Morrow Jamie McAlpine Karen and Joe Bojin

Ruth Cruikshank Susan and Paul Boon Shelley Doney and Paul Sutcliffe **Mission & Outreach** Darlene Morrow (Chair)

Trinity United Church Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday February 19, 2023

Chairperson: Dave Hawthorne **Minister:** Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele

Attendance: Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele, Dave Hawthorne, Mary Hawthorne, Anita Bentley, Diane Johnston, Geraldine Sherritt, Al Widbur, Joanne Avison, Erma Lepard, Karen Bojin, Joe Bojin, Kimberly Chimyenze, Intisar Mikho, Bonnie Doney, Gord Gallaugher, Jim Cheyne, Jean Cheyne, Paula Cameron, Donna Van Poelgeest, Darlene Morrow, Bill Healy, Elaine Healy, Bruce Ley, Ken Desjardine, Betty Desjardine

- **1. Welcome.** DaveHawthorne welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. It was confirmed that a quorum was present at the meeting.
- **2. Opening Prayer.** Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 3. Motion to allow adherents to vote at the meeting. Motion: That we extend voting privileges to all present at the Annual General Meeting. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by Jean Cheyne. Carried.

AgendaAddition under New Business, addthe Spring Concert.Motion - To approve the agendaas amended.Moved Jim Cheyne, seconded byAnita Bentley. Carried.

- 4. Minutes from Annual Meeting 2022. There were no errors or omissions. Motion:To accept the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes from February 28, 2022. Moved by KenDesjardine, seconded by Karen Bojin. Carried.
- **5.** Business arising from the minutes. None.
- 6. In Memoriam. The names of church members list In Memoriam were read aloud by Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele.
- **7.** Committee Reports. There were no questions or concerns regarding the Trinity

Committee Reports. **Motion:** To approve the Trinity Committee Reports as written in the Annual Report (pages 10-15). Moved by Joanne Avison, seconded by Diane Johnston. Carried.

- 8. Financial Reports
 - The Trustee Report is written on page 16 of the Annual Report. Dave Hawthorne reviewed the transactions that occurred over the last year with the trustee account. **Motion:** To accept the Trustee Report. Moved by Karen Bojin, seconded by KenDesjardine. Carried.

Pastoral Charge Financial Report. Dave Hawthorne reviewed the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement for the Pastoral Charge. There were no questions or concerns. Dave Hawthorne also reviewed the 2023 Pastoral Charge Budget. **Motion:** To approve the 2023 Pastoral Charge Budget for Trinity as presented. Moved by Anita Bentley, seconded by Geraldine Sherritt. Carried.

Trinity Financial Report. Dave Hawthorne reviewed the 2022 Financial Report for Trinity and the 2023 Budget for Trinity. He answered questions the attendees had regarding these two reports. Motion: To accept the Trinity Financial Report for 2022. Moved by Jean Cheyne, seconded by Diane Johnston. Carried

Motion: To approve Trinity's budget for 2023. Moved by BettyDesjardine, seconded by Anita Bentley. Carried.

Motion: To set a goal of \$6000 for the M&S Fund for Trinity for 2023. Moved by Jean Cheyne, seconded by Diane Johnston. Carried.

Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele extended a sincere thank you to Dave Hawthorne, Mary Hawthorne and Gord Gallaugher for their hard work overseeing the finances and other responsibilities for the church.

9. Auditor's Report.

Dave Hawthorne read aloud the Auditor's Report that was submitted by Alan Selby. It is included on page 26 of the Annual Report.

Motion – To receive the 2022 Auditor's Report. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by BettyDesjardine. Carried.

Dave Hawthorne spoke to Alan Selby and he is willing to accept the position as auditor for 2023.

Motion – To appoint Alan Selby as the auditor for 2023. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by Joanne Avison. Carried.

10. Governing Body for 2023. Minister: Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele

Motion - To accept the names o the Trinity Governing Body / Slate of Officers for Trinity Council. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by BettyDesjardine. Carried.

- 11. New Business
 - a) **Soup Kitchen.** The minister has been approached by two ladies in the community who would like to start a soup kitchen in the church. It would run on Monday nights. They will be serving soup and bread. They will be asking for a donation of \$2.00 per customer. They want to start February 27, 2023. The church will not charge rent. The option of sit down or take out will be given to customers. The minister already checked that our insurance would cover this activity.

Motion: To allow a soup kitchen to run from the church basement free of charge on Monday evenings. Moved by Anita Bentley, seconded by Karen Bojin. Carried.

b) **Renumeration of Employees.** There is a recommended increase of 3.4% annually for all employees by the United Church of Canada. Pastoral Charge employees include: minister, music director, treasurer, communications director. Trinity employee includes: custodian.

Motion: To give a raise of 3.4% to Pastoral Charge and Trinity employees for 2023. Moved by Jean Cheyne, seconded by BettyDesjardine. Carried.

c) **Spring Concert.** A fundraising team at Trinity are proposing a spring concert that would include a Toronto Welsh Male choir. They are available on April 23, 2023 to perform. There are two cost options 1) 3000 flat fee or 2) 1500 flat fee + 50% of balance of sales of tickets. The choir will be served a lunch prior to the concert. This lunch will be coordinated by Mary Hawthorne and Diane Johnston.

Motion: To book the Toronto Welsh Male Choir on April 23, 2023 at a cost of \$3000. Moved by Anita Bentley, seconded by Diane Johnston. Carried.

13. Closing Prayer. Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele closed the meeting in prayer and said Grace for the meal that is being served after the meeting.

14. Motion to adjourn – Dave Hawthorne. The meeting was concluded at 12:30 pm

REPORT OF TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Each member acts as chair for a month. The members of council are: Dave Hawthorne: Treasurer Wayne Ferrier: Property Wendy Crewson:Trustee Chair Geraldine Sherrit: Pastoral Care Jennifer Crewson-Poynter: M& P Mary Hawthorne: UCW and WOW Darlene Morrow: Outreach Paula Cameron: Secretary Rev. Valerie Vande Wiele Gord Gallaugher: Bookkeeper

The outside of the church property was well looked after by Darlene Morrow who took care of the flower beds and planters this spring and by a bee of volunteers who did the fall clean-up. The council also contracted with Brian Sawden for snow removal.

2023 Membership Report for Trinity for 2023

Membership status is as listed below

As of December 31, 2023 our membership role is as follows.

69 Active Members

21 Non-Active Members

29 Adherents

87 # of Household (Active & Non-Active Members & Adherents)

Anyone wishing to join the membership of Trinity Primrose either by Profession of Faith or transfer from another congregation, should contact the Church Office or myself.

> Submitted by Jean Cheyne Membership Committee

PASTORAL CARE REPORT 2023

On behalf of all our committee members we wish to express our warmest thank you to Geraldine Sherritt for her leadership, guidance, and support for all of us! She was always so positive and dedicated to our church and all its workings. We send our prayers to her dear family as she passed away in February after a stay in Matthew's House Hospice.

Our Care Group Leaders are committed to keeping in contact with all our church members. Our visits, phone calls, or correspondence are very rewarding and appreciated by everyone!

This year we worked with Jean Cheyne on the Membership Committee and have created lists that include all the active, non-active, adherent, and extra interested members in our church Ouarterly, we delivered communities. 85 newsletters to Trinity members, 15 to Primrose members, 6 mailouts, plus those that receive their letters via email. Our outreach is a vital way to communicate with our members.

We wish to thank our committee members from Trinity – Karen Bojin, Susan Boon, Shelley Doney, Faye Ferguson, Mary Laverty, Ann McAlpine, Jamie McAlpine, Linda Moore, Darlene Morrow, and Al Widbur. We would also like to thank Ruth Cruikshank who was a valuable member of our committee until this past fall.

We wish to thank our committee members from Primrose – Shirley Farnell, Karin Klouman, Gwynn McGhee, and Sabine Rohner-Tensee.

We are always in need of extra support, so if you are a kind and caring individual who loves to make people smile, please contact us and we will have a place for you on our committee!

We look forward to continuing our work to provide outreach to our members as our new church, Trinity Primrose United Church, grows and flourishes!

Blessings!

Submitted by Ann McAlpine and Linda Moore

FINANCE REPORT

I would like to extend my thanks to Gord Gallaugher for his timely work preparing and supplying the monthly statements for both Trinity and the Pastoral Charge. With much of the financial work now being done electronically a good accountant and their computer are very helpful. Thanks to our congregants for their contributions to support our church in 2023. As well, Shepherds Cupboard, our local food bank, gained \$5025.00 and our support of the Mission & Service of United Church of Canada was \$5322.00 in 2023. We look forward to an exciting future in 2024

look forward to an exciting future in 2024.

Blessings.

Dave Hawthorne

PROPERTY REPORT

Thank you for keeping me informed at meetings and by phone on anything that needs repair. The beautiful stained glass windows above the east entrance doors were re-installed this summer. Shaky banister in the entry way was repaired. Thanks to Terry as he keeps an eye on things. Al's eyes are also helpful.

Submitted by Wayne Ferrier

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Romans 12:8 - He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness;-

Our focus is to bring others closer to the lord. We must always seek to uphold the will of Christ. All these children are very precious. Bible stories to help them know God loves them and will always be there in any situation. This help them deal with life in a loving honest, upright way.

Submitted by Debbie McComb Ferrier

WOW Report 23

In May Rev.Valerie and I headed to the Unifor Centre in Port Elgin for the Regional WOW meeting with a "Dreaming Dreams" theme.

Speakers encouraged us to think outside the box when looking at possibilities of church organization. There may be benefits: the financials are easier to bear, there's a bigger, talent base; it's much easier to work with confirmation of youth, and it is easier to develop a Sunday school curriculum. Of course, there are challenges as the ministry personnel are stretched to cover the services and pastoral care.

A speaker from The HUB at a church in Kitchener, spoke of their work, which is to live in right relationship with people; connect the young and the community where all are welcome; advocate for a proper plan of housing and the chance to inform and connect with those in the community.

A group meets twice a month in the Arboretum at Guelph University at 1 PM on Sundays, where they encounter the divine presence in outdoor experiences. The questions to ask were: Can we use outdoor experiences? How can a "Forest Church" be adapted to our situation?

There are videos and programs available from United Church on stewardship programs. There are grants available to help with indigenous work, justice and inclusion work, youth programs, music programs, tech support and student scholarship from the UCC Foundation

We stayed for the celebration of ministry service where Stacey Mortson was ordained and Craig Bartlett, and Wonder Chimvinga were admitted to the United Church of Canada.

As a member of the Discipleship and Justice Commission, I attended an Orientation day on September 18, at Listowel United Church for WOW executive and Commission members in the morning. Each commission held their own meeting in the afternoon. It was great to see people in person. Our commission received applications for Mission Support Grants. We awarded grants to many (but not all) applicants. WOWRC Mission Support Grants were awarded to the Grey Bruce Spiritual Care Council, the University of Guelph Ecumenical Campus Ministry, Camp Menesetung, Camp Bimini, Five Oaks, and the HUB Youth Network. As Mission Support funding from the national church has decreased, these deliberations are proving to be increasingly challenging. We undertook, alongside D&J Commissions from Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls, to champion our regional council's engagement with the Remit process regarding space for an autonomous Indigenous Church within the UCC. Cathy Hird, one of our commissioners, has organized this effort, equipping a team of liaisons to connect with WOWRC pastoral charges. This work will continue until the March 2024 deadline for

Remit votes. If a pastoral charge does not register a vote, it will be considered a NO vote.

With the changes coming to our church, I would suggest that you take the time to check out our region website - wowrcucc.ca. Well worth a read!

Our fall zoom meeting, September 28 -October 1, 2023 was themed "We are One – Living into right Relations". Following the lighting of the sacred fire with worship we had conversation groups evaluating regional council since inception several years ago. During the meeting the commissions of Congregational Support, Human Resources and Discipleship and Justice outlined their work. There is much work being done by each commission and more members would make for fuller commissions. Please consider where your talents could be used.

The spring regional meeting will include 3 regions gathering at the Unifor Centre May 24th to 26^{th} , 2024.

Submitted by Mary Hawthorne, WOW Region 8 rep.

UCW Fellowship Group Report 2023

We continue bringing our brown bag lunch and meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 12:30 pm while we socialize and talk about church, community and world issues. In June we visited "The Tipsy Fox" for lunch. We did not meet again until September. While we do not have an organized structure for UCW at Trinity we retain our association with Western Ontario Waterways region paying our dues and attending their meetings. I attended an excellent gathering held in St Jacob's in the fall of 2023 where we heard several youth speak about their commitment and desire to make changes to improve things in the future.. This year Trinity UCW donated to the breakfast program for the Shelburne schools.

The women's monthly breakfast is on the last Saturday of each month at 9:10 am at Main Street Cafe, Since UCW means United Church Women we welcome any one who would like to join us for any of our gatherings. Come and enjoy the fellowship and camaraderie!

Submitted by Mary Hawthorne

TRINITY U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2023

Alterna	Savings	Bank
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Book Balance/Bank Balance Jan 1, 2023	\$ 548.04		
Cheque to Breakfast Program from			
	/S \$ 300.00		
January 1, 2023 Book Balance	\$ 248.04		
Receipts			
Offerings	\$ 421.35		
Total Receipts	\$ 421.35		
Expenses			
UCW Assessment Dues to Western Onta	ario		
Waterways	\$ 32.00		
Donation to 3 Shelburne Schools for Bre	akfast		
Program	\$ 300.00		
Stamps for cards	<u>\$ 51.98</u>		
Total Expenses	\$ 383.98		
Book Balance/Bank Balance			
December 31, 2023	\$ 285.41		
(1 Dividend Share carried forward) Dec	ember 31,		
2023 \$ 1	15.00)		
Prepared & Submitted by			
Jean Cheyne, Treasurer,			
Trinity UCW Fellowship	Group		

TRINITY PARTNERSHIPS

St John's Parish No report submitted at this time. Seventh Day Adventist No report was submitted at this time.

Trinity Primrose Council 2024 - Chair positions

Co-Chairs: Shelley Doney, Sabine Rohner-Tensee Secretary: Ann McAlpine – temporarily **Treasurer:** Paul Sutcliffe Board of Trustees: Wendy Crewson, Linda Lennox, Jamie McAlpine, Wally Barr, Ministry & Personnel: Jennifer Crewson Poynter Committee members: Susan Boon, Jeff Rohner-Tensee Darlene Morrow, Shirley Farnell Worship: **Pastoral Care:** Linda Moore Mission & Outreach: Karin Klouman Wayne Ferrier **Property:** Visioning: Chair vacant **Regional Rep:** Mary Hawthorne **Membership:** Jean Chenye

Trustee Report December 31, 2023

Trinity United Church and Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge

	Investment Type	Maturity Date
Trinity United Church Investments		
14500.00	Market Based GIC	December 22, 2027
15000.00	Market Based GIC	September 15, 2024
28500.00	Market Based GIC	March 15, 2026
10000.00	TD GIC	May 14, 2024
22.90	TD Bank Trustee Account Balance	
All interest from the Trinity investments is deposited to the Trinity general account and all principal		

amounts are re-invested unless otherwise directed by Council.

Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge Investments

33000.00 (Trinity Manse Portion)	Market Based GIC	July 22, 2026
7000.00 (Primrose Manse Portion)	Market Based GIC	February 15, 2027
2887.00 (Bell Shares)		,

All interest from the Pastoral Charge investments is deposited to the Pastoral Charge account and all principal amounts are re-invested. Accrued interest is not shown on this report. Interest is reported at maturity only.

Total Investments as at December 31, 2023:	\$110909.90
Reconciliation of Trustee Account:	
Total Investments January 1, 2023:	\$72519.00
Interest Received in Cash Account:	.02
Interest in Cash Account Not Reported in 2022:	.61
Deposit from Estate of Dorothy Ann Smith:	\$38390.27
Total Investments as at December 31, 2023:	\$110909.90

Re: Bell Shares

Interest income from Bell Shares recorded by Treasurer is \$317.26. This interest was deposited to the Pastoral Charge Account.

Re: Estate of Dorothy Ann Smith

In January 2023, the Trustees received the final instalment from the Estate of Dorothy Ann Smith, in the amount of \$38390.27, bringing the total amount received to \$73390.27.

From the bequest, \$20000.00 was given to Trinity to help with the bathroom renovation project. The remainder of the funds have been invested for future projects.

Prepared by Wendy Crewson, Chair of Trinity United Church Trustees

Pastoral Charge Account		
	31 Dec 23	31 Dec 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
TD Shel Prim Pastoral Charge	3,483.41	9,026.85
Total Chequing/Savings	3,483.41	9,026.85
Total Current Assets	3,483.41	9,026.85
TOTAL ASSETS	3,483.41	9,026.85
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	747.76	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	747.76	0.00
Other Current Liabilities		
Grant - Visioning		
visioning grant extra	0.00	2,500.00
Grant - Visioning - Othe	0.00	1,574.12
Total Grant - Visioning	0.00	4,074.12
GST/HST Payable	(825.40)	(765.19)
insurance reserve	890.84	818.70
Total Other Current Liabilities	65.44	4,127.63
Total Current Liabilities	813.20	4,127.63
Total Liabilities	813.20	4,127.63
Equity		
Net Equity	2,670.21	4,899.22
Total Equity	2,670.21	4,899.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,483.41	9,026.85

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Pastoral Charge Actuals for 2022 and 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Canada Helps SPC		
Can Helps Primrose	0.00	757.25
First Line for Syria		
Fund	211.20	0.00
Canada Helps SPC -	0.00	10.00
Other	0.00	19.30
Total Canada Helps SPC	211.20	776.55
Other Donations		
memoriall donations	0.00	220.25
no char receipts	0.00	320.25
Total Other Donations	0.00	320.25
Other Income	0.00	1 201 60
Interest income	0.00 317.26	1,321.60
Investment Income Miscellaneous Income		301.71 0.00
Primrose transfer to	3,450.36	0.00
Pastoral	32,646.64	32,436.01
Trinity transfers to	52,040.04	52,450.01
Pastoral	95,514.08	90,462.10
Total Other Income	131,928.34	124,521.42
Total Income	132,139.54	125,618.22
Gross Profit	132,139.54	125,618.22
Expense		,~_~~~
Administration		
Accounting	628.83	1,039.36
ADP Monthly Charge	362.28	667.55
Advertising &		
Promotions	424.06	135.21
Bank Charges &		
Interest	128.32	80.36
Copyright Licensing	157.00	150.00
Office copier lease	1,596.48	1,596.48
Photocopier Usage	1,333.64	1,099.25
Supplies Office	72.75	380.52
Technology	623.76	813.44
Telephone Minister	1,800.00	1,800.00
telephone, internet	1,466.89	1,335.20
Total Administration	8,594.01	9,097.37
Benevolent Expense	0.00	240.00
Canada Helps transfers		
out		0.00
CanHelps transfer to	211.20	0.00

FirstLine		
CanHelps Transfer to		
Primrose	0.00	562.50
Total Canada Helps	211.20	5(2,50
transfers out	211.20	562.50
Dues, Membership, Licence		
UCC Regional		
Assessment	6,110.00	6,160.00
Total Dues, Membership,	<u>`</u>	
Licence	6,110.00	6,160.00
Education		
Ministers Education		
Allowance	450.59	0.00
Total Education	450.59	0.00
misc expense	0.00	1,042.92
Payments to Other Funds		
M & S payment	0.00	0.00
transfer to memorial		
bank	0.00	320.25
Total Payments to Other	0.00	220.25
Funds	0.00	320.25
Sunday Services	407.00	224.00
Guest Minister	497.00	224.00
Honorariums	150.00	125.00
Total Sunday Services Wages and Payroll	647.00	349.00
expense		
Benefits and pension	10 10 4 5 4	10 110 05
minster	13,106.54	13,418.85
Organist	15,529.77	12,660.59
wages - admin assist	5,436.16	4,683.20
Wages -Minister	84,892.59	77,206.32
Total Wages and Payroll	118,965.06	107,968.96
expense		
Total Expense	134,977.86	125,741.00
Net Ordinary Income	(2,838.32)	(122.78)
Other Income		
Grants		
Visioning	623.76	0.00
Total Grants	623.76	0.00
Transfer from Reserve	0.00	021 10
Funds	0.00	831.16
Total Other Income	623.76	831.16
Other Expense	0.00	E 11 10
Vision Grant expense	0.00	541.18

Total Other Expense	0.00	541.18
Net Other Income	623.76	289.98
Net Income	(2,214.56)	167.20

Pages 20 & 21 Prepared by Alan Selby

TRINITY UNITED CH	UKCH,	Sneiburn	e							
BALANCE SHEET	As a	nt Dec. 31, 2	2023	3						
ASSETS						Dec. 32	L, 202	23	D	ec. 31, 2022
Bank Account balances (Ge	neral, Me	morial, UCW))		\$	28,012.78			ŝ	28,462.6
Investments under control					\$	110,909.27			\$	72,479.0
Recoverable Portion of HST					\$	314.30			\$	3,912.1
		Total A	sse	ts			\$	139,236.35	\$	104,853.7
LIABILITIES										
Accounts Payable					\$	-			-\$	138.2
Unearned Grant Received					-\$	2,500.00			\$	-
Funds under control of Mu	sic Commi	ttee			-\$	1,059.91			-\$	1,059.9
		Total Lia	bili	ties			-\$	3,559.91		
NET EQU	TY at end o	of the year					\$	135,676.44	\$	103,655.6
Breakdown of Net Equity	F	und Equity		Net 2023		Fund Equity				
	a	t Jan. 1/23		Activity		at Dec. 31/23				
Memorial Fund (Trustees)	\$	16,796.05	-\$	13,500.48	\$	3,295.57				
Investments (Trustees)	\$	72,479.00	\$	38,430.27	\$	110,909.27				
Building Fund	\$	6,095.29	\$	2,814.00	\$	8,909.29				
General Fund	\$	8,285.26	\$	4,277.05	\$	12,562.31				
	\$	103,655.60			\$	135,676.44	Net	Equity		
der accounting rules, the net eq	uity in the S	anctuary build	ling,	plus contents	, plu	s land, is not sho	own h	ere.		

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, Shelburne

Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the year 2023

Statement of Receipts and I	:xp	enses for	th	e year Z	023							
	In	Trustee vestments	м	lemorial Fund		lding und		GENERAL Fund	c	OMBINED 2023	c	OMBINED 2022
RECEIPTS												1
Offerings (regular + special)	\$	-	Ś	967.95	\$2.8	14.00	Ś	85,721.45	Ś	89,503.40	\$	83,970.19
Loose Offerings					+-,-	2	ŝ	1,681.65	ś	1,681.65		630.50
Fundraising Events							š	13,966.14	š	13,966.14		8,235.58
Mission & Service							ŝ	4,957.00	ŝ	4,957.00		5,795.15
For Outside Organiz. (food bank, et	د ۱						ž			-		
Space Rentals	/						ş	5,025.00	Ş	5,025.00		3,735.00
Others (Trust income, Grants, etc.)	ć	40.00	ć		ė		ş	16,000.00	Ş	16,000.00		13,545.85
Others (must income, Grants, etc.)	<u> </u>		\$		\$	·	\$	3,791.30	\$	3,831.30	\$	3,921.34
	\$	40.00	\$	967.95	\$2,8	14.00	\$	131,142.54	<u>\$</u>	134,964.49	\$	119,833.61
EXPENSES												
Administration	ć		~	24.42			~	1 000 01				
	\$	-	-\$	24.43			-\$	1,086.01	-\$	1,110.44		1,152.00
Fundraising Events expenses							-\$	5,136.11	-\$	5,136.11		2,232.08
Building maintenance							-\$	4,478.84	-\$	4,478.84		11,698.57
Insurance							-\$	8,214.81	-\$	8,214.81		6,801.83
Utilities - gas heating							-\$	5,865.43	-\$	5,865.43		4,692.69
Utilities - hydro							-\$	1,737.49	-\$	1,737.49	-\$	1,485.33
Utilities - water+sewer							-\$	833.66	-\$	833.66	-\$	833.43
Custodial Wages							-\$	7,726.61	-\$	7,726.61	-\$	6,433.33
Transf. to Mission & Service							-\$	4,957.00	-\$	4,957.00	-\$	5,715.15
Transfers to Outside Organiz.							-\$	5,025.00	-\$	5,025.00	-\$	3,735.00
Trinity payments to Pastoral Charge	2						-\$	95,514.08	-\$	-		90,462.10
(includes staff costs)									Ś	-	Ś	-
Others	\$	-	\$	-	\$		-\$	734.45	-ŝ	734.45	-Ś	703.02
	\$	-	-\$	24.43	\$		-\$	141,309.49	-\$	141,333.92	_	135,944.53
									_			
Net Income (-Loss), Regular Activities	Ş	40.00	\$	943.52	\$2,8	14.00	-\$	10,166.95	-\$	6,369.43	-\$	16,110.92
OTHER ACTIVITIES												
Bequests received	Ś	38,390.27	Ś						Ś	38,390.27	Ś	6,328.36
											1	
Capital costs, funds transferred	\$	-	-\$1	4,444.00	\$	-	Ş	14,444.00	\$	-	-\$	11,476.38
Net Increase (-Decrease) in Fund	\$	38,430.27	-\$1	3,500.48	\$2,8	14.00	\$	4,277.05	\$	32,020.84	-\$	21,258.94
									α	OMBINED	c	OMBINED
										2023		2022
FUND BALANCE Jan. 1, 2023	\$	72,479.00	\$1	6,796.05	\$6,0	95.29	\$	8,285.26			\$	103,655.60
FUND BALANCE Dec. 31, 2023	\$	110,909.27	\$	3,295.57	\$8,9	09.29	\$	12,562.31	\$	135,676.44		
		Trustee	M	emorial	P	Iding		GENERAL				
	1e	vestments	141			-						
	in	vestments		Fund	FL	und		Fund				

February 1, 2024

TO the OFFICIAL BOARD, and the MEMBERS of the Congregation, of the SHELBURNE TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

I have reviewed the 2023 year-end financial statements of the Trinity United Church.

In my opinion, the financial statements for 2023, including the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the calendar year 2023, have been prepared accurately, and reflect properly the financial position of Trinity United Church, and the results of its 2023 operations and activities.

One proviso that must be mentioned is, because a major source of the revenues comes from Donations, and there is no proper way to determine the completeness of Donation revenues, my review has been limited to determining that Donations reported reflect the amounts collected and deposited in 2023.

I make this report to the Members fully believing it to be true and correct, based on my review.

Yours truly,

Alan Selbi

Alan Selby, CPA CGA Auditor for Trinity United Church

TRINITY BALANCE SHEET Comparison 2022 and 2023

Trinity		
	31 Dec 23	31 Dec 22
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Chequing/Savings		
Investment Account	110,909.27	72,519.00
TD Trinity Primrose		
UC	24,431.80	14,601.55
TD Trinity Memorial	2 205 57	16 706 05
Account	3,295.57	16,796.05
UCW Credit Union	285.41	248.04
Total Chequing/Savings	138,922.05	104,164.64
Total Current Assets	138,922.05	104,164.64
TOTAL ASSETS	138,922.05	104,164.64
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
Total Accounts		
Payable	0.00	0.00
Other Current		
Liabilities	0.000.00	6 005 20
Building Fund	8,909.29	6,095.29
deferred grant income	2,500.00	0.00
GST/HST Payable	(314.30)	(3,146.92)
Music Committee	1,059.91	1,059.91
Total Other Current	1,057.71	1,057.71
Liabilities	12,154.90	4,008.28
Total Current Liabilities	12,154.90	4,008.28
Total Liabilities	12,154.90	4,008.28
Equity	-	-
Net Equity	126,767.15	100,156.36
Total Equity	126,767.15	100,156.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES &	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EQUITY	138,922.05	104,164.64

Trinity United Church Actuals 2022 and 2023

	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Canada Helps SPC		
Can Helps Primrose	200.80	0.00
Total Canada Helps SPC	200.80	0.00
Fundraising		
Concert Income	5,086.14	1,853.85
Dinners	0.00	1,527.75
event sponsor	2,700.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	1,886.48
Funeral Luncheons	1,550.00	500.00
Luncheons- Fundraising	500.00	285.00
Pancake supper	1,035.00	1,430.00
Strawberry Supper	3,095.00	752.50
Total Fundraising	13,966.14	8,235.58
Offerings		
Anniversary Offerings	776.70	500.00
Building Fund Offerings	2,814.00	2,517.00
Christmas offering	6,813.50	3,245.00
Easter Offerings	2,640.00	1,695.00
General Offerings	73,248.25	69,450.45
Gift in Kind- Donations	1,269.98	192.00
Loose Offerings	1,681.65	630.50
M & S Offset	4,957.00	5,795.15
Memorial Offerings Shepherd's Cupboard	670.00	1,070.00
Foodbank	5,025.00	3,735.00
Special Offerings	0.00	3,020.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	2,135.00	1,380.00
UCW Offerings	421.35	0.00
Offerings - Other	0.00	268.00
Total Offerings	102,452.43	93,498.10
Other Donations		
Little Wooden Churches	368.19	62.15
memorial donations no char receipts	297.95	595.35
Total Other Donations	666.14	657.50
Other Income		
Broadview Magazines	0.00	75.00
Grants	2,500.00	1,000.00
Interest income	0.00	2,846.34
Other Income - Other	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income	2,500.00	3,921.34

Rentals		
Rent- other	1,000.00	1,195.85
Rent- Seventh Day Adventists	7,800.00	6,000.00
Rent- St John's Parish	7,200.00	6,350.00
Total Rentals	16,000.00	13,545.85
Total Income	135,785.51	119,858.37
Gross		
Profit	135,785.51	119,858.37
Expense		
Administration	(01.10	701 50
Accounting	691.19 76.97	701.58 896.04
Advertising & Promotions Bank Charges & Interest	70.97 72.89	890.04 38.86
Processing fees	119.83	58.80 67.75
Supplies Office	119.83	48.14
Technology	31.10	40.14
telephone, internet	0.00	(82.86)
Total Administration	1,110.01	1,669.51
Benevolent Expense	300.00	300.00
Building an Grounds costs	500.00	200.00
Building Maintenance		
Custodial Wages	7,726.61	6,433.33
Grounds landcape exp	119.00	0.00
Insurance	8,214.81	6,801.83
Repairs & Maint		
Building	1,492.46	2,823.39
Repairs & Maint Elevator	250.00	5,756.68
Repairs & Maint	230.00	3,750.00
Equipment	0.00	94.57
Repairs & Maint Organ	105.10	105.10
& Piano	135.12	135.12
Snow Removal	1,511.81	1,971.69
Supplies- Custodial	970.45	1,011.69
Total Building Maintenance Utilities	20,420.26	25,028.30
Utilities- Gas	5 965 12	4 602 60
Utilities- Hydro	5,865.43 1,737.49	4,692.69 1,485.33
Utilities - Water & Sewer	833.66	833.43
Total Utilities		
	8,436.58	7,011.45
Total Building an Grounds costs	28,856.84	32,039.75
Canada Helps transfers out CanHelps Transfer to		
Primrose	200.80	48.50
Total Canada Helps transfers out	200.80	48.50
Compassionate Care		
Compassionate Care - Local		

Shepherd's Cupboard		
Foodbank Ex	5,025.00	3,825.00
Total Compassionate Care -		
Local	5,025.00	3,825.00
Compassionate Care - Extended		
Emergency Relief		
International	0.00	2,670.00
Total Compassionate Care –		
Extended	0.00	2,670.00
Compassionate Care - Other	0.00	400.00
Total Compassionate Care	5,025.00	6,895.00
Dues, Membership, Licence	32.00	28.00
Education		
Adult Education	0.00	137.97
Total Education	0.00	137.97
Fundraising Expenses		
Concert Expenses	3,195.53	1,201.41
Dinner Expense fundraising	190.88	374.14
Funeral / Wedding Luncheon	381.18	115.69
Exp Strowborry Suppor Evpopso	1,368.52	113.09
Strawberry Supper Expense		
Fundraising Expenses - Other	0.00	348.84
Total Fundraising Expenses Gifts in Kind	5,136.11 0.00	2,232.08
	0.00	25.00
Payments to Other Funds	5 222 20	5 015 15
M & S payment	5,322.20	5,915.15
Transfer to Building Fund transfer to deferred grant	2,814.00	2,517.00
income	2,500.00	0.00
Total Payments to Other Funds	10,636.20	8,432.15
Sunday Services		
Honorariums	302.45	125.00
Sunday School Expense	84.34	400.06
Worship Committee Expense	125.00	39.99
Total Sunday Services	511.79	565.05
Trinity Month Portion to SPC	95,514.08	90,462.10
Wages and Payroll expense		
Organist	275.00	0.00
Total Wages and Payroll expense	275.00	0.00
Total Expense	147,597.83	142,835.11
Net Ordinary Income	(11,812.32)	(22,976.74)
Other Income/Expense	(,0-2,02)	(,, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Other		
Income		
Transfer from Reserve Funds	0.00	10,000.00
Total Other Income	0.00	10,000.00
Other Expense		

0.00	44,638.71
0.00	44,638.71
0.00	(34,638.71)
(11,812.32)	(57,615.45)
	0.00 0.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Primrose United Church

We have completed an audit review of the 2023 Financial Reports for Primrose United Church. This process was comprised of a review of the 2023 Receipts and Expenditures Summaries for the General and Memorial Accounts.

Our review consisted of testing transactions originating from bank deposits and cheques issued, to be reflected appropriately in the Bank Statements, Receipts and Expenditures Journal, Donations Ledger and Summary Financial Reports.

In our opinion the 2023 Financial Reports for Primrose United Church reflect accurately the financial activity for the 12 month period ended December 31, 2023.

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Dianne Irwin

Bruce Irwin

Dated: January 19, 2024

PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH 2023 BALANCE SHEET

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INCOME				
Givings	\$ 8,249.7	75		
PAR	\$ 5,080.0	00		
M & S	\$ 1,288.7	'5		
Donations	\$ 769.3	17		
HST refund	\$ 975.8	15		
Interest	\$ 323.6	63		
Fundraising	\$ 20,235.2	17		
Miscellaneous	\$ 450.0	0		
Term Deposits	\$ 15,368.5	4		
EXPENSES				
HST		\$	1,633.291	
SPPC		\$	32,647.34	
Insurance		\$	1,346.56	
PAR		\$	111.00	
Utilities		\$	1,485.45	
Office		\$	18.14	
Bank Fees		\$	21.75	
Fundraising		\$	11,955.67	
M & S		\$	1,175.00	
Term Deposits		\$	5,278.43	
Miscellaneous		\$	1,670.00	
Totals	\$ 52,741.1	6\$	57,342.63	
RECONCILIATION				
Rank Balance December 21/22				

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SUMMARY December 31/23

Book Balance General Acct	\$ 2,183.75
Memorial Account	\$ 7,093.24
Term Deposit matures Feb27/24	\$ 5,314.93
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 14,591.92

Trinity Primrose United Church Combined Actuals 2023 and Budget for 2024

	2023 Total Actual Combined	TPUC Budget 2024
Income		
Canada Helps	412.00	400.00
Fundraising		
Primrose	20,235.00	
Concert Income	5,086.14	
event sponsor	2,700.00	
Fundraising	0.00	
Funeral Luncheons	1,550.00	
Luncheons- Fundraising	500.00	
Pancake supper	1,035.00	
Strawberry Supper	3,095.00	
Total Fundraising	34,201.00	18,000.00
Offerings		
Primrose	15,388.00	
Anniversary Offerings	776.00	1,000.00
Building Fund Offerings	2,814.00	2,000.00
Christmas offering	6,813.50	6,000.00
Easter Offerings	2,640.00	3,000.00
General Offerings	73,248.25	85,000.00
Gift in Kind- Donations	1,269.98	1,200.00
Loose Offerings	1,681.65	1,700.00
M & S Offset	6,245.00	5,000.00
Memorial Offerings	670.00	600.00
Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank	5,025.00	5,000.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	2,135.00	2,000.00
Total Offerings	118,706.38	112,500.00
Other Donations Bequests		
Donation no tax recpt Little Wooden Church	368.19	350.00
memorial donations no char recpt	297.95	200.00
Total Other Donations	666.14	550.00
Other Income	000.14	550.00
grants	2,500.00	2,500.00
Investment Income	317.26	350.00
Total Other Income	2,817.26	2,850.00
Rentals	2,017.20	2,850.00
Rent- other	1,000.00	1,000.00
Rent- Seventh Day Adventists	7,800.00	8,400.00
Rent- Seventh Day Adventists Rent- St John's Parish	7,200.00	8,400.00 7,800.00
Total	16,000.00	17,200.00

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Rentals Total Income	172,802.78	151,500.00
Total Income	172,002.78	131,300.00
Expense		
Administration and Office		
Accounting	1,320.02	1,200.00
Advertising & Promotions	501.03	500.00
Bank Charges & Interest		
ADP Monthly Charge	362.28	25.00
Processing fees	119.83	220.00
Bank Charges &		
Interest – Other	201.21	200.00
Total Bank Charges & Interest	683.32	445.00
Office copier lease	1,596.48	1,600.00
Photocopier Usage	1,333.64	1,400.00
Supplies Office	142.97	500.00
Technology	654.86	675.00
Mileage minister		1,500.00
Telephone Minister	1,800.00	300.00
telephone, internet	1,466.89	1,500.00
Total Office and Administration	9,499.21	9,620.00
Building an Grounds costs	,	,
Building Maintenance		
Repairs & Maint		
Building	1,492.46	4,500.00
Repairs & Maint	,	,
Elevator	250.00	400.00
Repairs & Maint		
Organ & Piano	135.12	140.00
Grounds	619.00	1,000.00
Snow Removal	2,011.81	2,000.00
Supplies- Custodial	970.45	1,075.00
Custodial Wages	7,726.61	8,300.00
Insurance	9,714.81	11,500.00
Total Building Maintenance	22,920.26	28,915.00
Utilities		
Utilities- Gas	5,865.43	6,200.00
Utilities- Hydro	2,337.49	2,500.00
Utilities -Water & Sewer	833.66	875.00
Total Utilities	9,036.58	9,575.00
Total Building an Grounds costs	31,956.84	38,490.00
Canada Helps transfers out		
CanHelps transfer to First Line	211.20	
Total Canada Helps		
transfers out	211.20	0.00
Compassionate Care		
Compassionate Care - Local		500.00
Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank Ex	5,025.00	5,000.00
Total Compassionate Care - Local	5,025.00	5,000.00
Total Compassionate Care	5,025.00	5,000.00
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Dues, Membership, Licence		
Copyright Licensing	157.00	157.00
UCC Regional Assessment	6,110.00	6,036.00
Total Dues, Membership, Licence	6,267.00	6,357.00
Education		
Ministers Education Allowance	450.59	200.00
Total Education	450.59	200.00
Total Fundraising Expenses	17,092.11	9,000.00
Payments to Other Funds		
M & S payment	5,322.20	5,000.00
Transfer to Building Fund	2,814.00	2,000.00
transfer to deferred grant inco	2,500.00	
Total Payments to Other Funds	10,636.20	7,000.00
Sunday Services		
Pastoral Charge Supervisor		1,500.00
Guest Minister	497.00	11,500.00
Honorariums	802.45	500.00
Sunday School Expense	84.34	100.00
Worship Committee Expense	125.00	500.00
Total Sunday Services	1,158.79	14,100.00
Wages and Payroll expense		
Benefits and pension minster	13,106.54	2,000.00
Organist	15,804.77	15,000.00
wages - admin assist	5,436.16	5,750.00
Wages – Minister	84,892.59	11,000.00
Total Wages and Payroll expense	119,240.06	33,750.00
Fotal Expense	201,537.00	123,517.00
	(28,734.22)	27,983.00
		2,500.00
		2,500.00
		2,500.00
		2,500.00
	0.00	0.00
	(28,734.22)	27,983.00

Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison First Line for Syria

First Line for Syria		
	Jan - Dec 23	Jan - Dec 22
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Canada Helps SPC		
First Line for Syria Fund	211.12	0.00
Total Canada Helps SPC	211.12	0.00
fundraising FLFS	13,545.00	12,890.00
Other Donations		
First Line Syria donations	4,664.10	66,309.70
Total Other Donations	4,664.10	66,309.70
Other Income		
grants	0.00	2,000.00
Total Other Income	0.00	2,000.00
Total Income	18,420.22	81,199.70
Gross Profit	18,420.22	81,199.70
Expense		
Administration		
Bank Charges & Interest	7.42	0.00
Total Administration	7.42	0.00
FLFS Fundraising Exp	7,090.28	7,927.43
HST expense	0.00	-169.74
Syrian family exp		
health care	106.00	4,533.25
household exp	10,000.00	33,004.75
refugee travel exp	0.00	1,847.80
utilities and tel	1,930.42	0.00
utilities tel internet	1,187.17	912.68
Total Syrian family exp	13,223.59	40,298.48
Total Expense	20,321.29	48,056.17
Net Ordinary Income	-1,901.07	33,143.53
Net Income	-1,901.07	33,143.53
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Balance Sheet		
Bank balance begin year	\$104,983.45	\$71,839.82
Bank balance end year	\$102,943.10	\$104,983.45

First Line for Syria

SPECIAL DATES FOR TPUC 2024 Sunday, March 3 - Trinity Primrose Annual Meeting Friday, March 1 - World Day of Prayer - **TPUC Spring Newsletter** Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday, Friday, March 29 - Good Friday, Sunday, March 31- Easter Sunday May 4 – Spirit touches Art, touches Spirit Saturday, May 11 - Mother's Day Plant Sale, Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day **TPUC Summer Newsletter** Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday Sunday, June 2 - Anniversary Celebrations start for United Church Sunday, June 16 - Father's Day **TBA late June /early July - Strawberry Celebration TPUC - Fall Newsletter** Sunday, October 6 - World Communion Day Sunday, October 13 - Thanksgiving Sunday Sunday, October 27 - Reformation Sunday Sunday, Nov. 10 - Remembrance Day Service Monday, November 11 - Remembrance Day **TPUC- Christmas Newsletter** Sunday, Dec 1- First Sunday of Advent **December 21 - Winter Solstice Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve** Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day Wednesday, January 1, 2025 - New Year's Day Please note that some of these events are tentative dates and subject to change