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*SHELBURNE*  
*PRIMROSE*  
*GENERAL*  
*ANNUAL*  
*REPORT*

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## **SHELBURNE PRIMROSE PASTORAL CHARGE**

### **MINISTER'S REPORT**

This last year has been a challenging one, though not without its moments of delight.

The world feels an uncertain place, unsteady and searching for direction. In the larger landscape outside our churches, humanity struggles to right itself, the post-modern period one of disruption, as are all times when a shifting worldview leaves us without a common narrative, a common story of humanity that reflects our everyday experience.

This larger shift is felt in the Christian churches in general, and in ours in particular. In an effort to understand both the deep longing for spiritual nourishment that flourishes outside the church proper and the shift away from religion as a system of doctrinal beliefs, we have been trying to see Jesus as a person before he was ensconced in the Christianity that claimed him as leader and built its theology around his astonishing thought. This has required some rethinking of old patterns of understanding our faith. Change, it is said, is the only constant in life. And it should be remembered that Christianity has been in flux since its inception, as are all things that are living, organic constructs.

Desirous to find a sustainable future our two visioning groups have spent time studying other churches and charities that are also trying to find new ways to serve the community. We attended the Re-Imagine Conference this last fall in Hamilton and have received support from Embracing the Spirit, a part of EDGE. EDGE is a branch of The United Church of Canada that "joins hands with those willing to take a leap into the promise of God breaking open the church, breaking into the world. EDGE is a living web of new and renewing ministries and leaders in the power of the Spirit,

following Christ, embracing God's mission in the world." We are working closely with EDGE and Embracing the Spirit, a new learning network and funding body within EDGE. Rob Dalgleish, the Executive Director of EDGE will be our guest for on June 7<sup>th</sup>, which is Trinity's Anniversary Service.

As the visioning groups and the councils of both churches think, meet, discuss and lead the way forward, what is required from all members and adherents of our churches is a complete rethinking of what it means to be a follower of Jesus, what it means to have the spirit of Christ indwelling. From our traditional Strawberry suppers and yearly concerts to the Primrose Plant Sale and our Christmas Eve services we should be asking the questions constantly: How is what we are doing reflecting the life and teachings of Jesus the Christ? How are we representing him? Do we view the world through a lens of compassion, and then reflect that same compassion in our actions and words? Do we serve with an open and generous heart, not thinking of our own self-preservation, either individually or as a church, but rather, to a heart that serves the other without thought of recompense or reward? How are we following God's call to live from a place of justice, loving kindness, and humility?

This last year we have lost many beloved friends in our church family. The loss is keenly felt when we gather for our councils and Sunday services. The list of deaths in our rolls seems impossibly long, the number of funeral lunches that were prepared over the year were many.

But out of the ashes of things that are passing, the spirit of Christ is always alive looking for a new place to gather, a new place to offer sustenance, a new place to sing. I encourage all of you to look for what is alive in your faith, what holds you steady and hang on to that through our times of change.

This is the last year that I will be with you. We have a stellar search committee that have been tasked with putting together a new leadership cohort. They have the intelligence, imagination and willingness to think outside the box as they search for leadership that can address these changing times, and the challenges they present. I have every confidence they will bring you competent and inspiring new leadership as you look toward a new era in your pastoral charge.

Know that every time you make the effort to come to church on Sunday, to support events, to attend meetings, to tithe on a regular basis, to give of your energy and time to the church, we are all blessed. And this is a wonderment to me. The Christian faith holds its sacredness not in a building, or in a lectionary or even a sacrament, but deep within the hearts of those who know its value and carry within them the treasure that is divine gift. I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you and the contributions that you make. And a particular note of gratitude to our two hard working Clerks of Session, Gail Brown and Ann McAlpine for their constant care and excellent leadership as well as the heads of all the many groups and committees who so regularly attend the meetings that guide us forward.

May the many graces that have already been gifted to us continue to flourish, and may we hold steady and strong through the winds of change that surround us.

*Candice*

#### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

At the end of 2019, I was given the opportunity to work alongside Rev. Candice Bist as a Communications Coordinator. Communication is an important part of the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral

Charge, as there are countless ways to communicate to one another. We are now using a wide variety of communication tools. These include our website, MailChimp Weekly mail outs, bulletins, overheads and social media platforms, in addition to our longstanding communication tools of telephone, home visits, face to face conversations, gatherings, and mail. We use these different tools to connect to the immediate members of the church as well as our numerous partnerships and the community at large.

*Submitted by Megan Timmins*

#### **Deceased**

**Kathleen Doris Smith (Little) Barrie** died December 30, 2018. Service by Rev. Candice Bist January 5, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne.

**Heinz (Red) Bensch** died January 13, 2019.

Interment Service by Rev. Candice Bist, June 14, 2019, Shelburne Cemetery.

**Ruby Taggart** died February 17, 2019. Service by Bill Arnold, February 23, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Margaret Hunter Ferguson** died March 3, 2019. Service by Penny Squirrell, April 27, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Miriam Ethna Hill** died March 10, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, March 14, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Paul Alexander Cameron** died April 10, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, April 15, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Betty Hendry** died April 22, 2019. Service by Pastor Gord Horsley, April 26, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Eileen Horsley** died May 10, 2019, Interment Service, Alliston Cemetery. (Trinity)

**Michael John Davis** died June 7, 2019, Interment Service, Shelburne Cemetery, Shelburne.

**Nelson Ivan Hill** died June 10, 2019. Service by Norma Godbold, DM, June 14, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Audrey Mary Jones** died June 11, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, June 20, 2019. Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Michael Schedlich** died June 12, 2019, Celebration of Life Service by Rev. Candice Bist, August 15, 2019, Toronto.

**Stan Norman Cowling** died July 15, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, July 19, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Jack Hunter** died July 23, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, July 26, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Evelyn Hicks** died July 24, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, July 29, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Colin Peet** died July 27, 2019, Celebration of Life Service, July 31, 2019, In Memoriam Life Celebration Centre, Mono.

**Velma Doreen Funston** died October 14, 2019. Service by Norma Godbold, DM, October 19, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Olive Blanche Moore** died October 26, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, November 2, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne.

**Carol Jane Thompson** died November 4, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, November 12, 2019, Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, Orangeville. (Primrose)

**Barbara Joan Prentice** died November 20, 2019. Service by Norma Godbold, DM, on November 29

**Alberta Jean Reid** died December 8 2019. Service done by Norma Godbold, DM, on December 13, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne.

**Ann Kendrew** died December 10, 2019, service by Rev. Candice Bist, December 20 2019, Primrose United Church, Shelburne. (Primrose)

**Yvonne Doreen McCabe** died December 11, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, December 16, 2019, Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. (Trinity)

**Merv Carroll Parker** died on December 25, 2019. Service by Rev. Candice Bist, Padre Gord Horsley, January 18, 2020, Shelburne Legion. (Primrose)

#### **Member Transfer**

Gary & Jennifer Shaver transferred membership from Mountainview United Church, St. Catharines December 18, 2018 introduced Trinity March 17, 2019.

Ken & Betty Desjardine from North Bramalea United Church joined us in March 2019.

#### **Baptisms**

**Scottlyn Isabel Lorraine Poynter**. Daughter of Jennifer Crewson & Scott Poynter. Baptized February 10, 2019, Shelburne

**Raylin Nickie-Edelle Toner.** Daughter of Catlin Courage & Ryan Edwin Gordon Toner. Baptized February 17, 2019

**Evelyn Jean Traynor.** Daughter of Kyle Traynor & Alexandra (Allie) Traynor (Nee Caragill). Baptized February 24, 2019.

**Mila Nora Flear.** Daughter of Casmer & Ryan Flear. Baptized June 16, 2019.

**Isabella Jaqueline Nidd.** Daughter of Makayla (Pudden) & Patrick Nidd. Baptized June 23, 2019.

**Eric Lee Tong.** Son of Jessica Katherine Ann Tong (Storey) & Derek Tong. Baptized December 8, 2019.

#### **Weddings**

*Amanda Baldwin, Jamie Ragazzon, May 18, 2019, Trinity United Church, Shelburne On.*

*Louisa Von Heynitz, James Cronyn, May 22, 2019, Liberty Village, Toronto, On.*

*Donna Mathie, Daniel Wiser, July 6, 2019, Sweet Peas Mud Bog, Amaranth, On.*

*Lauren Brett, Drew Barfoot, July 27, 2019, Trinity United Church, Shelburne On.*

*Annette Samarillo, Matthew McMillen, August 10, 2019, Mono Centre, Mono, On.*

*Jenna McIntosh, Aaron Hill, August 16, 2019, Bear Estate, Collingwood, On.*

*Rhonda Taylor, Gari Davis, August 24, 2019, Shelburne Golf & Country Club, Melancthon, On.*

*Sonya Downey, Emerson Pendleton, September 7, 2019, Trinity United Church, Shelburne On.*

#### **WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

As Chair of our Worship Committee, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our Worship Team, Rev. Candice Bist, Minister, Bruce Ley, Music Director, Ellen Montgomery-Smith, Whitney Hofman, Erma Lepard, Diane Johnston, Joanne Avison, Marion Webb and Gwynn McGhee and all those who have participated behind the scenes this past year to enhance our worship experience.

Our duties and responsibilities have included: Supporting our Minister, our Music Director and others who give leadership in Worship;

- Planning and visioning regarding Worship in collaboration with our Minister.
- Keeping a pulse on the congregations' ideas and concerns regarding Worship and the Ministry of Music.
- Overseeing, in cooperation with our Minister the policy on baptisms and confirmations of children and adults.

We assist with recruiting participants for:

- (a) Ushering, greeting, and receiving our offerings for our Sunday morning service;
- (b) Lay readers re Scriptures and Prayers of the People;
- (c) Communion servers and element preparation.

We assist with supporting any substitutes in the event of absence (regular/ emergency) in the pulpit. (Arrangement done by ministerial staff).

We assist with:

- Managing materials used in Worship including Flowers, banners, symbols and decorations in the Sanctuary, and miscellaneous liturgical items
- Approving alternate uses of the Sanctuary and Worship spaces. The Church Office

follows a policy for church facility use.

Our objectives are to continue to support and facilitate;

- The implementation of worship, recruit and train ushers and greeters to continue to warmly welcome our visitors and members of our congregation each Sunday.
- To continue to listen to the congregation on how their worship experience can be enhanced to give Glory to God.
- Supporting our Choir and other groups and individuals participating in the Ministry of Music.

Our babysitters, Erin and Bailey, are doing an exceptional job leading Our Trinity Loves Children program on Sunday mornings during worship with entertaining and doing crafts with the little ones. This gives the parents some precious time for worship.

*Blessings! Submitted by Jennifer Shaver, Worship Chair*

### **MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

I have enjoyed this last year immensely. The choir continues to take on more challenging material and is sounding better all the time. I was travelling a fair amount this last year, and therefore missed a number of services.

We have been able to book substitute pianists, and the reports to me about them have all been favourable.

The choir has been able to hold some rehearsals in my absence, and the results sounded wonderful on my return. Thanks to Ann McAlpine for leading those rehearsals.

It seems to me that the integrated nature of the choir has helped to bring the 2 congregations a

little closer. We are all looking forward to the services at Easter. There were some issues with the piano, but they seem to be resolved. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your MD. It really is a joy.

*Submitted by Bruce Ley, Musical Director*

### **MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT**

The past year has been extremely busy and challenging for the members of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Working with our minister, Rev. Candice Bist and custodial and secretarial staff, has required us to meet as a committee or with staff 12 times in the past 6 months alone. We have filled the new position of Communication Coordinator with Megan Timmins after an earlier candidate quit before completing her probation. We are seeking a replacement for our Trinity Custodian, George Meunier, who is retiring after many years; we thank George for his service. We are dealing with the staffing implications of implementing the Financial Innovation Committee Report which was adopted by the Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge Council in January 2020. The members of the Ministry and Personnel remain committed to receiving and reviewing your written concerns with our staff and to seeking resolutions with our staff wherever possible as well as supporting our staff so that together, we will achieve the mission and goals of the Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge.

*Submitted by Faye Allan, Susan Boon, Shirley Farnell and Ed Crewson*

### **PASTORAL CHARGE OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP REPORTS**

#### **KAIROS**

We look forward to our monthly downstairs meeting at Trinity, usually the third Wednesday at

9:30, when we welcome new and older friends from many faiths and cultures. We start with refreshments!

This year we have made an effort to understand the richness and challenges of our Indigenous communities in Dufferin and beyond.

Environmental issues are always a learning concern and we appreciate local experts and others who can help us understand the needs and actions required to be helpful. We join others to support newcomers and refugees in our area. This comes with return visits when we enjoy the hospitality of our new friends!

This past year we had many guests visit with us to share their views and actions about social issues. This was a great opportunity for us to learn from them and their local actions and they were glad to know this ecumenical group is making an effort to be informed and join other action groups. We share books titles that enhance learning of members.

ALL are welcome to meet with us!!

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*Submitted by Ruth Cruikshank*

### ***First Line for Syria***

2019 began with a large gathering at the Barr-Klouman home, celebrating all the newcomers in our midst- with over 40 people coming together to enjoy the New Year. Our various local refugee-families shared what was the best experience for them about their new life in Canada, and what was the most difficult. There were some poignant moments as many of our newcomers opened up

about their journey from war-torn Syria (and Iraq) to Canada.

Our group continued to support our family by driving them to ESL and also by including our sponsored family in various other local gatherings, such as various family BBQs, local performances and concerts - and also the annual Pioneer Picnic at the Rohner-Tensee's homestead.

Helin again finished her year at ODSS as an 'honour-student' and continued to take a leadership role in her school community.

Several members of our group also took part in various interfaith activities in 2019 plus we continued our support of -and dialogue with- many of the other local refugee sponsorship groups.

A major change for our little group occurred in that our family decided to move to London Ontario, so as to be more involved in the blossoming Kurdish community there. In late August we, therefore, all gathered at Candice and Bruce's home for a wonderful potluck goodbye-party with many of our newcomers being present for this large and happy event.

First Line for Syria was helpful in assisting our family in moving and several of us accompanied them to their new apartment in London and helped with the unpacking as well.

Since our family has moved, we have continued to offer our support and have stayed in close touch with several of us making the trek to London for visits. Our family is adjusting well to life in London and Helin is keeping very busy; working after school in order to support the family's increased living expenses. Helin is also maintaining a strong academic average at school and has recently applied to Western University. We look forward to

what the future will hold for this amazing young girl!

Our group is furthermore investigating the possibility of sponsoring Sabah's youngest sister as she would like to join her family here in Canada. We have encountered a roadblock in this effort as she does not have the proper refugee paperwork, however, this issue is being resolved.

We are otherwise in touch with United Church headquarters regarding sponsoring Mohamed Aldiri's brother and wife plus their 6 children, who are still lingering in terrible conditions in a squalid refugee camp in Jordan. They now have finally moved up the list enough to receive an "official number" - and so we are hoping they will eventually get clearance to come to Canada sometime later this year. Their children are still not receiving any formal education and life is generally really difficult. Sadly, our Canadian government is now moving exceedingly slowly in their screening-effort of new refugee applicants from the Middle East. First Line for Syria has some money set aside for the hopefully upcoming event of this new branch of the Aldiri family arriving, however, fundraising will have to be a priority for us this coming year. We will have to pay for the whole family's transport to Canada, plus all their living expenses for a full year. We are hopeful that our local two congregations will continue to support our work with refugees as First Line for Syria will obviously be taking on even more challenges in the upcoming year.

*Submitted by Karin Klouman*

### ***Partera Peacemakers International***

Twenty-nineteen was an unusual year for Partera in a number of ways. Two of the trips this past year were for the purposes of professional development, one to Palestine, the second to the

Canadian School of Peacebuilding in Winnipeg. Both of them were rich experiences; the information was very helpful to our work. The Pastoral Charge hosted a well-attended presentation and discussion on the trip to Palestine.

A trip to Cali, Colombia, was part conference and part training. The Partera contribution was a training, conducted in both English and Spanish for a group of 60 people enrolled to learn about 'Our Violent Scriptures: What's a Christian Peacemaker to do?'

Fewer international trips made room for Partera Local events, which included seven workshops, four of those held at Trinity, two Anniversary events, a presentation to the Orangeville Lions Club and a presentation and discussion entitled. 'Confessions of a Settler on Stolen Land'

'Dickens of an Evening' was successfully staged at five churches, including Primrose. Planned/hoped-for trips in 2020 include (1) Uganda with South Sudanese refugees struggling to maintain peace in the world's largest refugee camp, (2) Ecuador, (3) the Philippines, and (4) North East India. Our first fundraiser—*Music & Magic!* —is on Saturday 28 March. See [Partera 2020](#).

It's difficult to reduce this work to a list of where, what and how many. The Pastoral Charge provided income tax receipts for Partera's Canadian donors, space for the four workshops and the Primrose church for Dickens. Twenty-twenty is shaping up to see a lively engagement with our church partners.

*Submitted by LeeAnn McKenna*

### ***Rural Response***

Family Transition Place is expanding and has established their Rural Response Program at their newly renovated Shelburne office in the Mel Lloyd Centre, entrance A. This program, which seeks to

eliminate some of the barriers rural women face when trying to access services, has grown from one, to now two mobile Crisis Counsellors who are able to meet with any woman in Dufferin County seeking support with unhealthy or abusive relationships – wherever they're most comfortable. Counsellors who can support ongoing counselling, family law, housing, or substance use concerns are also available to Shelburne and surrounding Counties. Call or text (519) 278-4360 to book an appointment, or for immediate support call (519) 941-HELP (4357).

*Submitted by Joanne Jordan, Rural Response*

### **Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank**

The Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank has been serving the Shelburne area for almost 30 years. Born out of the faith convictions of area churches and with the generous support of people from the local area, a team of 40 volunteers and board members have endeavored to keep the doors open and the food shelves stocked, a feat that is increasingly more difficult as numbers of users continue to rise. Loosely housed under the umbrella of the Shelburne Ministerial and directed by a board of directors which has representatives from area churches and other interested people, the mandate of the Shepherd's Cupboard is to assist people in Shelburne and its surrounding areas with their food needs, providing a 3-5-day supply of food. Clients can access the foodbank once a month and must provide proof of residency and dependents, income and bills. The foodbank is not a licensed charity and so 100% of donations are put back into the community. The foodbank is housed in the Mel Lloyd Centre and is open Wednesday's 12 noon - 1:30 pm and Thursdays 6:30-8:00 pm.

We continue, as a community of faith, to express our concern and care for those in need through our

support of this important work. We are grateful that most of our volunteers belong to local church congregations and appreciate our partnership with them. If anyone ever finds themselves in need of emergency assistance or would like to volunteer, please call 519-925-2600 ext. 350

*Submitted by Ardith Dunlop*

### **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:

[https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mission\\_service-at-a-glance.pdf](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mission_service-at-a-glance.pdf)

And here is a breakdown by region of what is being done throughout the world on your behalf.

[https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mission\\_service\\_partners.pdf](https://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/resources/mission_service_partners.pdf)

Each church contributes 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 voted on 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.

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS/POSITIONS FOR PASTORAL CHARGE COUNCIL**

Executive of Pastoral Charge Council

**Chair of Pastoral Charge Council**

Gail Brown

**Chair of Trinity Council**

Ann McAlpine  
**Chair of Primrose Council**

Gail Brown  
**Secretary of Council**

Paula Cameron  
**Treasurer of Council**

Jamie McAlpine  
**Chair of M&P**

Ed Crewson  
**Minister**

Rev. Dr. Candice Bist  
**Communication Coordinator/Administrator**  
Megan Timmins

**Trinity Members to Pastoral Charge**  
Secretary Paula Cameron  
WOW Representative Mary Hawthorne

**Chairs/Representatives of Committees**  
**Membership**

Jean Cheyne  
**Property**  
Michael Hofman

**Pastoral Care**  
Geraldine Sherritt

**Trustee**  
Wendy Crewson

**Worship**  
Jennifer Shaver

**Visioning Group**  
Jennifer Crewson

**Outreach**  
Darlene Morrow

**Primrose Members to Pastoral Charge Council**  
**Past Clerk**  
Glen Thompson

**Secretary**  
Phyllis Robinson

**Treasurer**  
Fran Braiden

**WOW Regional Representative**  
Sharon Holmes

**Visioning**  
Shirley Farnell

**Chairs or Representative of Committees:**  
**Sunday School (Christian Education)**  
Gail Brown, or substitute

**Trustees**  
Glen Thompson  
Faye Allan  
Babu Thomas

**Worship**  
Gwynn McGhee

**Outreach Committee**  
LeeAnn McKenna  
Karin Kloumin

**3 Members at Large**  
Ken McGhee  
Karin Kloumin  
Jeff Cottam

**Search Committee**  
Primrose:  
Karin Klouman (Chair)  
LeeAnn McKenna (Secretary)  
Diane Irwin  
Beth Halstead

Trinity:  
Jennifer Crewson  
Whitney Hofman  
Faye Ferguson  
Jennifer Shaver

## PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH

### PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, March 3, 2019. 8:00 a.m.

In Attendance: Faye Allan, Fran Braiden, Loretta Foster, Marg Staveley, Babu and Anna Thomas, Lee Ann McKenna, Trish Yeates, Beth Halstead, Merv, Bev and Diana Parker, Gail, Gord and Brianna Brown, Bruce Ley, Rev. Candice Bist, Karin Klouman, Glen and Carol Thompson.

1. Gail welcomed all to the meeting
2. Rev. Candice opened our meeting with prayer
3. Rev. Candice read the Memorial List for 2018
4. Motion: **“We will allow Adherents, as previously approved by council, the right to vote at this meeting.”**

Moved by Merv Parker, Seconded by Glen Thompson

5. Motion: **“That we approve the agenda as amended (change of date and opening Prayer)”**

Moved by Faye Allan

Seconded by Babu Thomas

6. Review of Annual General Meeting 2018 – approved January 17, 2019

7. Review of Committee Reports in the annual booklet.

Motion: **“That we approve the committee reports in the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge Annual Report Book, pages 1- 7 and 8-11, as presented,”**

Moved by Bev Parker, Seconded by Faye Allan

8. Review of Financial Report, pages 6-8 and M&S Goal, approved January 17, 2019

Primrose 2019 budget, approved Feb. 10, 2019

Pastoral Charge Financial Report and Budget, pages 2-5 approved Feb. 5, 2019

9. Auditor’s Report: **Motion “that we approve the Audited Report for 2018 and submit 2 copies of**

**the Annual Report Book 2018 to United Church Canada.”**

Moved by Lee Ann McKenna, Seconded by Merv Parker

10. Review of Slate of Officers for 2019

Motion: **“that we approve the Slate of Officers for 2019 as presented.”**

Moved by Alice Jones, Seconded by Babu Thomas

Cheque signing: Motion: **“to approve cheque signing to Fran Braiden, Gail Brown, Glen Thompson and Beth Brown”**

Moved by Lee Ann McKenna, Seconded by Babu Thomas

11. New Business:

a) A thank you card to be sent to Jeff for his dedication to the position of treasurer.

b) Quiet Garden Committee: Bev Parker is chairperson of this committee and members are Shirley Farnell, Gwynn McGhee, Loretta Foster, Sharon Holmes, Beth Halstead.

c) Candice gave an overview of the ways you can now donate to the church.

i) Donate button

ii) P.A.R.

iii) Cheque or cash

**NOTE:** There will now be available at the back of the church “giving cards or red tokens” so those who give by PAR can participate in the ritual of giving during the “offering time” in the service.

d) “Gail’s Bag of Appreciation”

Gail proceeded to give out “gifts of appreciation”

Thank you, Gail, for so effectively relating to us ***that through each of us giving of our gifts we collectively aid in making Primrose Church a successfully functioning group.***

12. Closing Prayer by Rev. Candice, followed by the singing of the Benediction: “Go Now in Peace”.

13. Motion: **“to close the Annual Business Meeting 2019 of Primrose United Church.”**

Moved by Merv Parker, Seconded by Gord Brown

A big THANK YOU to Gail, Gord and Brianna for hosting us for our potluck breakfast before the meeting.

Minutes recorded by Carol Thompson.

*Submitted by Gail Brown*

### **CLERK OF SESSION REPORT**

It is hard to believe the year 2019 has come and gone. There has been a lot going on at our little white church in Primrose this last year, mostly very happy occasions, and several very sad. We tried some new events this last year, such as Primrose's Got Talent?! and Primrose's Got Talent 2, our silent auction of talents. Many thanks to all who helped organize, and all who participated in making them such an amazing success! They were both events that brought our own members together, as well as reached out into the community to bring other people in to enjoy the happenings!

There were some wonderful discussions throughout the year, partly due to preparation for the search committee, but with wonderful communication between everyone, which let us see what we have to be grateful for, and what possibilities lie ahead of us. Again, thanks to all who participated to bring the ideas and thoughts necessary to proceed, knowing as many as possible have been involved. We look forward to seeing what the future may look like at Primrose. Change is in the future but is something to look forward to and embrace as great possibilities.

We have been blessed to have some new faces around Primrose and welcome them! Every person brings more to the life of the church through their insight and participation. We extend an invitation to anyone to join us at any time.

On a solemn note, we have been saddened by the loss of our very dear friends, Carol, Ann and Merv,

and we reach out to their families in friendship and support during their time of loss. Memories of their times at Primrose will always be in our hearts and thoughts.

Next year will be busy, with our amazing search committee heading out to see what the future will hold. We need everyone to support the committee in their work, and we look forward to all that will come. There will be a few new events at Primrose, as well as many of our traditional ones, and we look forward to everyone participating and enjoying some new ideas.

I would personally like to express special thanks to each of you for all you do at Primrose, and to Rev. Candice for all she does for us. I feel we are blessed to have such a wonderful group of people who work well together, with positive ideas and positive energy. I look forward to the year ahead and wish you all the best in 2020.

*Gail Brown*

*Clerk of Session, Primrose*

### **PROPERTY REPORT**

During this year the church has undertaken to improve and change a few items. The pulpit area floor space was enlarged to make more room for the "Primrose has got Talent" production, and this temporary addition will stay in place for the time being. The extra room helps when the choir is on stage and it should help out during the plant sale. The sound system was upgraded with a new amplifier and microphone. This new equipment has made a world of difference in the sound quality and was well worth making the change.

The exterior of the original wooden structure was given a fresh coat of paint at the end of the summer by David Shirley Construction. This company also cleaned out the rain gutters in the fall after all the leaves were down.

On December 16<sup>th</sup> a testing company from Guelph (Lex Scientific Inc.) came in and collected a number of air samples. They collected the samples from both inside and outside of the building, and they also drilled a hole in the floor to collect a sample from under the floorboards. They are testing for any signs that we have a mold problem. They said it will take a few weeks to get back to us with the results. As of January 20, 2020, we have yet to hear back.

*Respectfully submitted by Glen Thompson*

### **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

Western Ontario Waterways Regional Council  
Report for 2019

It was exciting to attend the first Council Conference since 1925 and to be part of the Western Ontario Waterways region in Port Elgin from May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 26<sup>th</sup>.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the guiding principles of Connecting, Supporting, Transforming and to encourage, empower and help each community through the trials of change. A Model of Governance, to be reviewed in 2020, was presented and all 138 pastoral charges were required to do a self-assessment. The second Regional Council meeting was a one-day meeting held in Fergus on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The purpose was to establish the procedures by which the regional council conducts business and to clarify and confirm the way in which decision-making takes place. The transitional appointments will be re-evaluated by elections at the Council meeting to be held in Port Elgin, May 29 to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

The Commissioners for the region will include the Cape Croaker and Saugeen United Indigenous ministries and attention will be given to diversity of gender and age, racial and cultural identities and

sexual orientations. It was an honor to represent Primrose United Church during this time of transition within the United Church of Canada.

*Respectfully submitted by Sharon Holmes*

### **CATERING REPORT**

Thank you to all the members of Primrose United Church who helped in any way with the catering during 2019. We also need to extend thanks to the great helpers who came to assist our members.

In June we catered the Primrose School Graduation. We have been doing this for many years and it is a fun one seeing some of our local youth moving on to high school.

September was the Dufferin County Farm Tour. Sharon and Shirley volunteered to head this event. Thank you, girls and all your helpers.

November was the New Horizons Christmas dinner. This was Year 18 of doing this catering event. We very much enjoy this dinner and our young teenagers come to help us and bring some chuckles to themselves and our dinner guests.

We also had 2 funeral luncheons to do in November and December. Two very special, devoted ladies in our church Carol Thompson and Ann Kendrew.

2019 was another busy year so thank you to all.

*Submitted by Beth Brown*

### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, Primrose United has two (2) Term Deposits. The first is for \$5000.00 maturing on July 12, 2020. The second is for \$10,000.00 which matures on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

With a new furnace oil tank installed in 2018, Crewson Insurance was able to shop around and find a different property insurance provider and thus reduce our yearly premium expense.

*Respectfully submitted by Glen Thompson*

## **PRIMROSE PARTNERSHIPS**

### ***Meditation Garden Report***

The Meditation Garden continues to flourish though we more and more depend on paid labour.

This needs to be factored into our budget.

We continued our membership in the International Quiet Garden Movement for 2019.

In July we raised \$500. from the sale of Hostas, many donated by Fran Braiden, and Iris. Many thanks go to Fran, Sharon Holmes and Shirley Farnell for making this happen.

The garden could generate more revenue for the church if a separate plant sale of perennials only were held a few weeks after the Mother's Day Bake and Plant Sale, when more perennials would be available.

We are working towards self-sufficiency in the Meditation garden. In the meantime, we are requesting \$1500. In the budget for Garden upkeep and maintenance.

Sept 24, the Garden Committee held a luncheon meeting at Main St Café in Shelburne at 10:30 followed by lunch at noon to chart and plan direction for the Meditation Garden in line with the new visioning for the church going forward. As well as committee members, any interested were encouraged to attend. It was well attended with 8 people in attendance.

It was felt that the Meditation Garden was an asset to the Primrose United Church and fell within the parameters of the Visioning of the United Church of Canada. However, it needs to be more visible and more useful to the community. It was agreed it needed to be enlarged to accomplish its outreach goals.

Christine Gracey, Landscape Architect, attended the Garden with Sharon and Beverly and outlined a plan to enhance the meditative aspects of the Garden and make it more of a destination while ensuring the increased size of the Garden does not mean an increase in the amount of maintenance required for the Garden. This would of course need labour and money to implement.

Although we had some very capable and willing volunteers from the church this summer, we still found it necessary to pay several people to weed and mulch the Garden. We also paid Kathy Krar to put the Garden to bed this fall. As she did an excellent job, we recommend she be asked to help maintain the garden in 2020.

Another solution for maintaining the Garden would be to open the Garden to volunteers from Trinity and the community at large.

Thanks to those willing hands who did help to maintain the Garden this summer: Loretta Foster, Sharon Holmes, Shirley Farnell, Beth Holstead and Anna Thomas. My apologies to anyone inadvertently left off this list.

*Respectfully submitted by Beverly Parker*

## **SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2020**

### **Clerk of Session**

Gail Brown until 2021

### **Secretary**

Phyllis Robinson until 2021

### **Treasurer**

Fran Braiden until 2022

### **Trustees**

Glen Thompson until 2021

Babu Thomas until 202

Faye Allan until 2021

### **Ministry and Personnel**

Faye Allan until 2021

Shirley Farnell until 2022

### **Worship**

Gwynn McGhee until 2022

### **WOW Regional Representative**

Sharon Holmes until 2022

**Christian Education**

Gail Brown until 2021

**Outreach**

LeeAnn McKenna until 2021

Karin Klouman until 2021

**Visioning Committee**

Jeff Cottam until 2022

Shirley Farnell until 2022

Gail Brown until 2022

**Catering**

Leader team 1 –Faye Allan until 2023

Leader team 2 – Gail Brown until 2023

**Quiet Garden committee**

Beverley Parker

**Members at large for Shelburne Pastoral Charge**

**Council**

Ken McGhee until 2022

Karin Klouman until 2023

Jeff Cottam until 2023

**Pastoral Charge Finance Committee**

**representatives:**

Treasurer + 3 other members with interest in finances (clerk, trustee, M&P rep)

## TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

### TRINITY UNITED CHURCH 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday February 24, 2019 1:00 pm

1. Ann McAlpine welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

An attendance sheet was circulated.

2. Ann McAlpine opened the meeting with prayer.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Jamie McAlpine, seconded by Paul Boon. Motion Carried.

4. Ann McAlpine explained the new definition of adherents under the United Church of Canada. Adherents are congregants who are contributing and active members of the church.

Motion: Motion to allow adherents to vote at this annual meeting. Moved by Paul Boon, seconded by Susan Boon. Carried

5. Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting  
Errors or Omissions – none

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting held on February 25, 2018. Moved by Alan Selby, seconded by Michael Hofman. Carried.

6. There was no business arising from the minutes

7. Rev. Candice Bist read the In-Memoriam List for 2018

8. Committee Reports

The Committee Reports have been included in the Annual Report, pages 1-7 (Pastoral Charge) and 12-15 (Trinity). The committee reports were not reviewed individually.

Motion: Motion to approve the committee reports on pages 1-7 and 12-15 in the 2018 Annual Report. Moved by Grant Ferguson, seconded by Ed Crewson. Carried.

9. Trinity Financial Report and 2019 Budget – presented by Dave Hawthorne.

Dave Hawthorne presented the 2018 financial report and the 2019 budget for Trinity. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for 2018. The data was presented via pie graphs on the overhead monitors. The financial report was included in an individual handout.

Total Revenue for 2018: \$134 711.76

Revenue Budget for 2019: \$140 000.00

Total Expense for 2018: \$143 411.92

Expense Budget for 2019: \$136 208.39

Net Income for 2018: -\$8 730.16

Net Income Budget for 2019: \$3 791.61

Dave answered questions from the congregation regarding the 2018 revenue and expenses.

Motion: Motion to approve the 2018 Trinity Financial Report and 2019 Trinity Budget. Moved by Jamie McAlpine, seconded by Paul Boon. Carried.

Motion: Motion that the 2019 Mission & Service goal be set at \$7500. Moved by Susan Boon, seconded by Jennifer Crewson Poynter. Carried.  
Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2019 Budget – presented by Dave Hawthorne

Dave presented the 2018 Pastoral Charge Financial Report and the budget for 2019. There were no questions regarding this report.

Motion: Motion to approve the 2018 Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2019 Pastoral Charge Budget. Moved by Paul Boon, seconded by John Gade. Carried

10. Auditor's Report – presented by Alan Selby  
A written and verbal report prepared by Alan Selby was presented. There were no concerns with the review of the financial records for 2018.

Motion: Motion that the auditor's report for 2018 be received. Moved by Alex Thompson, seconded by Shelley Doney. Carried

Motion: Motion to appoint Alan Selby as the Auditor for 2019. Moved by Dave Hawthorne, seconded by Rebecca Homewood. Carried.

11. Nominating Committee – presented by Ann McAlpine

- Chair of Council and Vice Chair positions are still vacant.

- Trinity is eligible to have two representatives for our presbytery.

Motion: Motion to nominate Joanne Avison as a Trinity representative for Presbytery. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by Rebecca Homewood. Carried.

12. Presentation- Embracing The Spirit – presented by Rev. Candice Bist on behalf of the Visioning Committee.

A PowerPoint presentation was given accompanied with a handout.

Rev. Candice Bist gave an overview of the Embracing The Spirit report. Research has been done by the UCC regarding the future outlook of the position of the church in the community.

Findings show that the church (institution), has decreased in monetary givings but charitable givings for private charities is thriving. UCC discovered that people give to organizations that demonstrate the following three characteristics: clear vision, strong leadership, financially sound. Looking ahead, we have categorized the current work and activity of Trinity into main categories:

- Engage the spirit
- Nourish the spirit
- Compassionate Care Within
- Compassionate Care Extended

Areas of improvement within the church include:

- physical space – sense of welcoming, more modern
- communications – improving social media, clear message to the public of the work of the church
- partnership – potential area of growth
- financial model – rethink how money comes into the church

Ann Harbridge closed the meeting in prayer. Motion to Adjourn. Moved by Ed Crewson.

The meeting finished at 2:35 pm.

*Submitted by Paula Cameron*

## **MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR PASTORAL CHARGE**

Membership status is as listed below.

As of December 31, 2019 our Pastoral Charge membership role is as follows.

103 Active Members

50 Non-Active Members

52 Adherents

116 Households (Active & Inactive Members & adherents)

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

Submitted by Jean Cheyne

*Membership Committee*

## **REPORT FROM THE PAST CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

2019 has been a creative and exciting year, one endeavoring to launch our new emerging model as an active Christian presence in Shelburne. We are developing a Community Innovation Hub, but we remain Trinity United Church. Our doors are open, open to partnerships and to all who wish to nurture their Spirit. We continue to love to gather for worship and praise on Sunday morning, while hosting many groups and activities every single day and every single evening of the week. Seven days a week, we are trying to do something, something good for God. We start by being gentle with one another inside the church and extend this to all outside of our church.

Trinity United Church Council meets regularly- at least 12 times a year and all committees work tirelessly making improvements to the building and the life work of your church. Thank you to the few

who do so much on your behalf. We need your continued prayer for energy, patience, support and kindness.

Surveys, workshop discussion groups and many conversations have resulted in developing 'Our Living Faith Story'. We're very excited about new possibilities for Pastoral and Palliative Care in our church and community. Here are some of the highlights moving forward:

-Our Pastoral Charge Search Committee is seeking a new leader to minister to us. Please keep this Committee in your daily prayers and encourage them during this process as they work throughout 2020.

-Your Visioning Team will apply for grants to move us forward with Technology and Human Resources so that we can further extend the work of the church into the community.

- The financials are being updated digitally to match our work in Space and Spirit. A special thank you to both Dave and Mary Hawthorne who dedicate countless hours weekly to our Finances. We appreciate their trustworthiness and loyalty over many recent years.

- 130 members and adherents make up 14 Care Groups. They are cared for by group leaders through phone calls, notes and personal visits.

-Rev. Candice clocks between 60-70 hours per week with: countless meetings in person, on the phone and computer; attending to pastoral care; preparation for worship; improving communications; seeking help for all church committees, while reaching out to social service agencies throughout Dufferin County. Pray for her continued energy and good health as we enjoy this next year together.

-Bruce promises to keep those hymns hopping. He writes and arranges most everything the choir shares during worship. All voices are welcome to join us Thursday evenings @ 7p.m.

As the relevance of 'doing church' is diminishing all around the world, let us be a people of hope. Let us be positive and encouraging of one another, listening to God-and doing what He wants.

*With love and prayerful thanks,*

*Ann McAlpine*

*Chair of TUC Council*

### **TRINITY LOVES CHILDREN (TLC) REPORT**

A typical Sunday during the Trinity Loves Children Program:

10:45am: We arrive at the church and prepare our planned activities for the children.

11:00am: In the little room, we welcome and greet 4 to 6 children, ranging in age from 1 to 9 years old. We typically keep them occupied with various crafts and board games that we deem age appropriate based on the children present. We also read to the younger children from time to time.

12:00 - 12:15: Parents pick up their respective children.

Submitted by *Erin Tomlinson and Bailey Parr*

### **PROPERTY REPORT**

This year has been another busy year for the property committee in ensuring that our facility remains safe, functional and comfortable. Elevator & boiler maintenance, fire safety, landscaping, snow removal and general repairs are just some of the things that we look after.

This year the Property Committee completed the second portion of our exterior betterment project with the relocation of the historic bell which now sits with prominence at the south side of the church. In the Spring, new gardens and park benches will be placed adjacent to the bell to

emphasize our desire in connecting with the community. We also undertook some interior energy efficiency and hospitality improvements to the small room in the basement which the Visioning Committee now refers to as the “You Belong Here (YBH) Room”. I want to specifically acknowledge Guy Richardson for his assistance in successfully completing this room, Wayne Ferrier for the new harvest table and the Congregation for their financial contributions and unwavering patience while we undertook the renovations.

Looking forward to 2020, our existing boiler heating system will be replaced with a new reliable energy efficient system. The existing system is at the end of its lifecycle and is no longer a system that we can consistently rely on. We have signed a contract for its replacement at a cost of \$30,000 and the Visioning Committee is aggressively seeking out funding through various granting bodies in order to partially or fully fund the capital costs of this expenditure.

If you are an energetic individual that is interested in being a part of these activities and initiatives, we can always use your help, I encourage you to speak to a member of the Property Committee and we would be happy to have you as part of our team.

*Submitted by Michael Hofman, Property Chair*

## **PRESBYTERY REPORT**

The first annual meeting of WOW was held in Port Elgin, May 24-26, 2019. This large meeting of three regions - Western Ontario Waterways, Antler River Watershed and Horseshoe Falls -in southwestern Ontario brought over 500 people to the Unifor Family Education Centre for an inspirational and informative weekend. For most of us it was an experience that was almost overwhelming in its size and possibilities. (Western Ontario Waterways Region encompasses Grand Bend, across to

Georgetown area, northward to Wasaga Beach, up to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula and south to Grand Bend.)

Separately each region had some time to conduct business. WOW Region elected Gary Clark as our inaugural president after a spirited election process. The keynote speaker, Cameron Trimble, used flight analogies to help us understand how fear and lack of vision hold us back while mission and trust move us forward. She also stated that **“Earned Trust is earned over time; granted trust is granted when we agree to let people try something”**. An energetic, dynamic speaker who provided us with much food for thought wrote this book - [Piloting Church: Helping Your Congregation Take Flight](#).

Various workshops were available in the evening as well as a campfire. Sunday morning region chairs were covenanted as were the various commissions for each region. I was appointed to Mission and Discipleship Commission for WOW so have been attending these meetings and having Zoom calls. The closing message from Rev. Cheryl- Ann Studelbauer-Sampa was to be a people of hope. Choose love, faith and hope. My general impression from this meeting is that there is energy to move forward; enthusiasm and hope for the future; gratitude for what we have and what we can look forward to.

The WOW fall meeting was held at Fergus in mid-November, but I was unable to attend (New Zealand trip). Thanks to Joanne Avison for supplying a record of that meeting. After a call to order by President Gary Clark and greetings from GCO Tim Reaburn we did community building: “Who are you?” Answering with a highlight of our Community of Faith in one sentence. Then we played WOW Jeopardy. The Affirming Network, the Covenant with Communities of Faith and the process for elections were discussed.

A very delicious lunch was served. Then we were back to discussions on Regional Commissions

overview of finances and the budget 2020. Meeting closed with worship and Communion.

The next meeting will be in Port Elgin, May 29-31, 2020.

Consider being a region representative and be involved with the winds of change that are blowing in the United Church.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Hawthorne, WOW region representative from Trinity, Shelburne*

### **UCW REPORT**

Our UCW meets the second Monday of the month at 12:30 pm for dessert and beverages while we socialize and talk about church, community and world issues. In September, three carloads of ladies celebrated Helen Lyon's birthday with a visit to Pebbles at Varney on a beautiful day for a road trip.

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. An excellent gathering was held in the fall at Mount Forest with the national president as guest speaker. Looking forward to the spring meeting- more information to be announced.

We provided funeral luncheons for nine bereaved families in 2019. Thanks to all the church ladies who helped with these luncheons. These efforts contributed almost \$5000.00 to the general funds of our church. We also supported the Breakfast Club that runs in the schools in Shelburne.

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

*Submitted by Mary Hawthorne*

### **VISIONING REPORT**

The Visioning Groups met individually and together 10 times this last year and through those meetings we have developed a "working" Mission Statement, it reads, Our Mission is to become a sanctuary for compassionate care and spiritual nourishment by creating a fully integrated community hub partnering with all those who desire, as we do, to bring grace and generosity of spirit into this world. We seek to engage the spirit through enlightened education and interfaith gatherings and nourish the spirit through creative engagement with a wide variety of art forms. We desire to offer compassionate care locally to the immediate community by companionship with them through the various stages of life, and to extend that same care into the wider world through socially active initiatives that deem all people to be of infinite value.

With this mission statement at the forefront of all our work, we have applied for and received two grants this last year, both from Embracing the Spirit, \$2,500 to help with our experiment in the You Belong Here room, and \$25,000 for technology, office upgrades and Human Resources to form a good working unit at the center of the developing hub. It is important to work in contemporary, fresh, warm spaces, that are clean and offer modern technology, therefore we feel it a priority to upgrade the office spaces and washrooms, offering gender neutral washrooms, a family washroom and an area for nursing and changing infants and toddlers. Five of us attended the Re Imagine Conference in Hamilton this last fall, and at this conference we obtained resources which led us on many road trips, individually and collectively, to understand what other churches who are reimagining themselves are doing. We were connected with a group who meet once a month online and are being taught about new revenue streams for churches, and how to make

the church financially and socially viable. To round out 2019 we collectively reviewed over 30 possible grant applications for improvements to our building and supporting and experimenting with new ministries.

Our Plans for 2020 are ambitious and align with our vision to create a community hub in Shelburne, and they require engaging many people from outside our “congregation.” We are working on a \$30,000 grant from Faith and the Common Good with their ‘Greening of Sacred Spaces’ program. We hope that receiving this grant will help Trinity bring itself up to modern environmental standards with our windows, heating system, and insulation standards. Also, we are in the process of engaging Samantha Irwin as a grant consultant on retainer for a year to apply for the larger grants while she advises us on the smaller ones. We are engaging Garth, the individual who completed our drawings for the stair project, to complete a current footprint of the church and then to work with us on our vision of redesign, which will include reinventing the kitchen, washrooms, office space and large Sunday School room. Finally, two people from the visioning group, are now on the search committee, where they will be visioning for new leadership, bringing with them an understanding of the many possibilities available to a church that is forward thinking.

*Submitted by Jennifer Crewson*

## **TRINITY PARTNERSHIPS**

### ***St. John the Evangelist Parish***

A few words from the Catholic Community Shelburne (St John’s Parish, Dundalk)

We are very happy and grateful to the United Church for accommodating us at your sanctuary.

We have Mass on Sunday at 9:00AM in the church followed by a Refreshment time in the basement (small room). Contact Person for the Catholic church is Fr Paul Mathew (Phone: 519 925 8703, cell: 905 906 5488; email: stjohndundalk@hamiltontoiocese.com).

Once again thanking the United Church Congregation for your generosity and love.

*Submitted by Fr Paul Mathew*

### ***Seventh Day Adventist***

Trinity is delighted to share their sanctuary and hospitality space with the Seventh Day Adventists on Saturdays. In the SDA tradition, Saturday is honoured as Sabbath time. Under the wonderful leadership of Pastor Aundrea Thompson, our SDA friends gather for joyous worship followed by luncheon, prayer and study groups. They also meet for prayer in our sanctuary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. If you would to know anything more about SDA’s pastoral care or doctrinal belief system, you may contact Pastor Thompson at [athompson@adventistontario.org](mailto:athompson@adventistontario.org)

### ***Meals on Wheels***

Meals on Wheels is a program, run by the County of Dufferin Community Support Services, where volunteers deliver hot meals to seniors living in their own home. In Shelburne, the meals are prepared at the Dufferin Oaks kitchen and are delivered three times a week by Service Club members or community groups. At Trinity, we have a very small but dedicated group who volunteer their time for this worthwhile program. Trinity’s turn comes up every seven to eight weeks, and we deliver Monday, Wednesday and Friday when it is our turn. There are approximately 15- 20 meals to be delivered on each day, so each delivery day requires two volunteers to complete the deliveries. Thank you to my team at Trinity for your

help and support of this service to our community. If you are interested in joining the Meals on Wheels Team at Trinity, please contact Wendy Crewson or call the Church office.

*Wendy Crewson  
Meals on Wheels Coordinator for Trinity United Church*

### ***Yoga for Spiritual Practice***

We have reignited the weekly community yoga program in Jan 2020, after a 6-month hiatus, on Wednesday's 7-8pm- 5-week sessions. A high response (Double of last year) rate is showing a need for women to engage in self-care and connection activities in a safe supported environment. We have continued to offer 2 spots per 5-week session as a scholarship for women needing female support and health. My intention is to grow other activities that are intergenerational to support women and give them a voice in their community for health and happiness. As I sense what is needed at this time, I would like to add a women's 1/2-day retreat so they can deepen their spiritual connection and connection to Self and each other.

I am grateful to Candice for her support and for the beautiful space and support of this community to be able to offer my teachings and be of service to share the tools of yoga, meditation, gluten & sugar free diet and holistic lifestyle that have helped me over the past 2 decades achieve my own optimum health and joy.

*Submitted by Alex Leikermoser*

### ***Sparks***

Sparks is a part of Girl Guide of Canada, a group designed to create a safe space for young women focusing on leadership skills and inclusivity. Sparks takes place on Thursdays at 6:30 at Trinity United

Church in the large room downstairs. For more information contact Aynsley Whitehouse at [Aynsleyg@hotmail.com](mailto:Aynsleyg@hotmail.com).

To know more about Sparks go to:

[https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Programs/Core\\_Programming/Sparks/GGC/Programs/Core\\_Programming/Sparks.aspx](https://www.girlguides.ca/web/GGC/Programs/Core_Programming/Sparks/GGC/Programs/Core_Programming/Sparks.aspx)

### ***Interfaith Dinner and Dialogue***

If you are interested in interfaith conversation, come out for dinner and meet and get to know others from various faith groups. Interfaith takes place each second Saturday of the month from 6-9pm in the You Belong Here Room at Trinity. This month we are sharing both the gifts and the challenges of our high holidays - whenever they may be. For more information and to rsvp for this gathering, contact Bella Carter [shailacarter@gmail.com](mailto:shailacarter@gmail.com)

### ***Youth LGBTQ Gathering***

The Goal for this group is to help build support for LGBTQ youth (ages 13-23), to decrease the isolation that some youth may face. It can be scary for a youth to realize that they are gay / queer and feel that they do not have the support of their family and/or close friends. This can make people feel very alone and can be very isolating for folks. I want to create a space where youth can feel safe and supported. I want this group to create a space where youth can come and talk about issues, they may not be able to talk about with other folks in their life. I believe that everyone has the RIGHT to feel good about who they are, and I would love to help create this feeling for others in the community. I hope that as youth come out to this group, they will meet other LGBTQ youth in the area, who they can also feel supported by and can create a network of friends / supportive people who they can feel safe with. This can drastically improve the mental health, self-esteem, and self-

image of folks who identify under the LGBTQ spectrum, or folks that are questioning their sexual orientation. I am someone who identifies as LGBTQ, and know first-hand how hard it can be, and how unaccepting many folks can be around this. If I can help one youth feel accepted and comfortable with their identity, that would make this group entirely worthwhile to me.

Submitted by Melissa Galbraith

### ***Music for Moms and Tots***

Music for Mom's and Tots takes place in Trinity United Church, Thursdays 5-7pm in the You Belong Here Room. For further information for to Noni's website and contact her from here.

<https://nonithomasmusic.ca/>

### ***Soup Haus***

Josh Atman and Soyhala Smith are doing wonders through their original creation Soup Haus. Every week, Soyhala and her band of volunteers produces a beautiful complimentary dinner for all those who wish to gather. From 6 - 8 each Tuesday evening, there is delicious food and wonderful conversation in the downstairs of Trinity. We are privileged to offer our space to this astonishingly creative, and compassionate, enterprise. We offer continued blessings to Josh and Soyhala and all who join with here to offer this weekly feast to the neighborhood. To find out more about Soup Haus visit them on line <http://souphaus.ca> or better still make a reservation for dinner and come and see first-hand why Tuesdays are so special in Shelburne.

### **SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR TRINITY COUNCIL 2020**

**Chair of Council Ann McAlpine**

**Secretary**

Paula Cameron

**Treasurer**

Jamie McAlpine

### **WOW Regional Representative**

Mary Hawthorne

Jennifer Shaver

### **Ministry & Personnel**

Ed Crewson (Chair)

Susan Boon

Faye Allan

Shirley Farnell

### **Membership**

Jean Cheyne

### **Trustees**

Wendy Crewson

Grant Ferguson

Linda Lennox

### **Worship**

Jennifer Shaver (Chair)

Bruce Ley

Whitney Hofman

Marion Webb

Erma Lepard

Diane Johnson

### **Property**

Michael Hofman (Chair)

Mary Hawthorne

Paula Cameron

Wayne Ferrier

Joe Cruikshank

### **Pastoral Care**

Geraldine Sherritt (Chair)

Linda Moore

Mary Laverty/ Marion Webb

Grant and Faye Ferguson

Ellen Montgomery

Darlene Morrow

Jamie McAlpine

Karen and Joe Bojin

Joe and Linda Cruikshank

Susan and Paul Boon

Shelley Doney

### **Visioning**

Jennifer Crewson

Whitney Hofman

Michael Hofman

Ann McAlpine

Paula Cameron

Candice Bist

**Partnership Coordination**

Darlene Morrow (Chair)

## **SPECIAL DATES FOR PASTORAL CHARGE 2020**

**Sunday February 23**, Transfiguration Sunday

**Sunday February 23**, 8am Primrose Annual Meeting and Breakfast, Karin & Wally's home

11am Trinity Annual Meeting Following Service and Light Lunch

Communion Services

**Tuesday February 25**, 6 – 8 pm, Shrove 'Pancake' Tuesday @ Souphaus

**Wednesday February 26**, 7 pm, Trinity United Church, Ash Wednesday joint service with St. John the Evangelist Parish

**Sunday March 1**, First Sunday in Lent

**Friday March 6**, 2 pm, World Day of Prayer Service, St. Paul's Anglican Church

**Sunday March 15**, Special Speaker, Gail Allen, Coordinator of Ecumenical, Interchurch and Interfaith Relations at UCC, speaking about interfaith conversation

**Sunday April 5**, Palm Sunday, Communion

**Thursday April 9**, Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday April 10**, 7 pm, Good Friday, Good Friday Service

**Saturday April 11**, Holy Saturday Vigil

**Sunday April 12**, Easter Sunday

**Sunday April 19**, Special Speaker, Kate McGee, Director for Boarding Home Ministries

**Friday April 24**, 9 - 5, Trinity United Church, Community Hub Virtual/Local Conference

**Sunday April 26**, Spring Concert, Grace Tipling Hall, 2pm

Tickets \$15 from Primrose members

**Thursday May 7, 9 – 4**, Community Resource Sharing Day, Trinity

**Saturday May 9**, Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale, Primrose United Church, 8am to 11am

**Sunday May 10**, Mother's Day

**Sunday May 31**, Pentecost Sunday

**Sunday June 7**, Trinity Anniversary Sunday, Special Speaker Rob Dalgleish, Executive Director of EDGE, UCC

**Sunday June 9**, Communion

**Sunday June 16**, Father's Day

**Sunday June 21**, Father's Day Service

**Friday June** Strawberry Supper, date TBA

**Sunday August 9**, Heritage Music Festival community church service, Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre (no regular service)

**Sunday September 1**, Creation Season

**Sunday September 8**, Primrose Silent Auction Opens

**Saturday September 26**, Dufferin Farm Tour, Primrose lunch booth

**Saturday October 3**, "What Your Kids Don't Want" Antique and Vintage Sale and Auction, 9am-12pm, Primrose United Church (all donations greatly accepted and all buyers and bidders welcome!)

**Saturday October 3**, Fall Community Concert, Grace Tipling Hall, 7pm  
Tickets from Primrose members

**Sunday October 4**, World Communion Day and Primrose Anniversary Service,

**Sunday October 11**, Thanksgiving Sunday

**Sunday October 25**, Reformation Sunday

**November 6**, Advent Season Begins

**Sunday November 8**, Remembrance Day Service

**Saturday November 14, 7 pm**, The Knitting Pilgrim

**Sunday November 22**, Christ the King Sunday and Communion Sunday

**Saturday November 28**, Christmas in the Country Market at Primrose

Church, 9am to 12noon (bring or borrow a wicker basket and fill with Christmas treasures, enjoy hot chocolate/coffee/tearoom with unlimited Christmas cookies, kids craft area, music, everything Christmas)

**Sunday December 20**, Old Fashioned Christmas Caroling Service

9am, traditional Christmas story, special music, hot chocolate/coffee/tea, homemade cinnamon buns

**Sunday December 20**, 9 am, Primrose Christmas Morning Service

**Monday December 21**, Winter Solstice

**Thursday December 24**, 7 pm, Trinity Christmas Eve

**Friday December 25**, Christmas Day

**Sunday December 27**, Last Sunday Service of 2020