

*SHELBURNE  
PRIMROSE  
GENERAL ANNUAL  
REPORT*

Trinity United Church and Primrose United Church, All  
Reports and All Financials

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## PASTORAL CHARGE REPORTS

### SHELburne PRIMROSE PASTORAL CHARGE

#### MINISTER'S REPORT

Once again, another year has flown by – the year 2018 had its joys, its challenges, and its surprises.

It cannot be denied that it is a difficult time for the church. Not just for Trinity United Church and Primrose United Church, which are infinitely precious to us, but for all Christian traditions who struggle to allow the voice of Christ to be heard above the relentless voice of commerce, avarice, and violence - three voices which often seem to be one.

It is a difficult time for religion in general. We are being held accountable for past mistakes and criticized for our inability to find common ground with one another. We are accused of not taking seriously the troubling economic disparities that plague international commerce and the environmental instability that threatens life on earth. We are attacked for being insular, uninformed, and self-focused. And all of these criticisms are valid.

But if the history of our faith and our biblical text teach us anything, it is the church's great resilience, its ability to be humbled, and to learn from that humbling, and begin again.

The church is a human construct. And as such, it will falter. This is to be expected. But God, that great, astonishment that we might only catch a glimpse of, does not fail. And we are the courageous, foolish ones who dare to try to articulate the breath of the divine spirit, that we might light the way for ourselves and others.

So, even in the midst of troubled times on this earth, and in the church, I applaud every gesture of kindness, every step of bravery, every attempt at uplifting conversation.

I loved Primrose's offering of contemplative practices on a drizzly June afternoon, the sheer abundance of the plant and bake sale, the tradition of catering to the farming community, the local school, and the seniors in Shelburne. I loved the fiddle music in church on their anniversary, the joyful gathering on Christmas morning complete with hot cinnamon buns, the way the church is cared for and decorated for special occasions, and the warm welcome they offer to everyone who arrives at their doorstep. I love their open armed hospitality and generous hearts that help when help is needed. I look forward this year to Jeff's spring talent evening – Has Primrose God Talent?! - the fall silent auction, the rumoured outside movie night, and the return of the Grace Tipling Hall fall concert.

I loved both the concerts that Trinity put on this last year, as much for the happy gathering of folks from outside the church who wanted some home-made pie as for the down-home music. The tradition of the strawberry supper, the candlelit Christmas Eve service, and our sombre, but equally beautiful Good Friday evening are offered with the hope of uplifting others, and so they do. Our on-going support of Soup Haus, offering their complimentary Tuesday night dinners, the fledgling Farmer's Market which works so hard to try and change the way people value good quality local food, and our emerging yoga classes as spiritual practice offer other venues for the community to see an alternate culture other than the mainstream one of bread and circuses.

And for both churches, the support of First Line for Syria, KAIROS and Partera International help to extend our compassionate reach past our own front doors. Bit by bit, step by step, prayer by prayer, intention by intention we make our way, humbled, yes, but offering what we can, where we can, when we can. This is the way forward.

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May grace continue to surround us as we hold steady in the storm, letting go of our own certitude in exchange for certainty in the ever-present power of the divine and our own listening hearts, that we may yet imagine into being a new horizon, not of our making, but gifted to us from that which is unknown.

*Blessings, always, Candice*

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR PASTORAL CHARGE

#### *Deceased*

**Connie Poynter** died February 14, 2018, Celebration of Life Feb. 24/18, Shelburne Legion. *Trinity.*

**Carman Lemcke** died March 12, 2018, funeral March 17/18, Shelburne Legion. *Trinity.*

**Carl Richardson** died April 3, 2018, funeral April 9, 2018, Jack and Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. *Trinity.*

**Jim (James) Wallace** died June 5, 2018, funeral June 9/18 at Jack and Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. *Primrose.*

**Audrey Jones** died June 11, 2018, Celebration of Life June 20/18, Trinity United Church. *Trinity.*

**Vickie Coulter** died July 31, 2018, no service of which we are aware. *Trinity.*

**Marian (Babs) Lognon** died August 4, 2018, Celebration of Life Aug. 25/18, Jack and Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne. *Trinity.*

**Dave Barr** died August 10, 2028, Celebration of Life Aug. 23/18, Shelburne Legion. *Primrose.*

**Vadus Henry** died September 5, 2018, graveside service Sept. 10/18, Shelburne Cemetery. *Primrose.*

**Alice Farnell** died Sept. 25, 2018, Celebration of Life Nov. 3/18, Agricultural Building Shelburne. *Primrose.*

**Linda McBride** died October 21, 2018, funeral Oct. 26/18 Jack and Thompson Funeral Home. *Primrose.*

**Joyce Bell** died November 5, 2018, funeral Nov. 9/18, Jack and Thompson Funeral Home, *Primrose.*

#### *Member Transfer*

David & Tammy Wilson transferred from Eden United Church end of 2017, officially welcomed to Trinity United Church on March 4, 2018.

Bill Clarke transferred from Trinity United Church, Shelburne to Grand Valley United church, September 18, 2018

#### *Baptisms*

Dedication service for Grace Elizabeth Rose Hofman, daughter Of Michael & Whitney Hofman, May 13, 2018

Ava Anne Northcott, daughter of Megan Marie Northcott, July 15, 2018

Rylee Ann Kakavas, daughter of Tammie Parker and George Kakavas, July 15, 2018

Charlotte Elizabeth Marie Corbett, daughter of Chrisinda Nicole Courage, and Christopher Andrew Corbett, July 15, 2018

Jason Allen McColl, son of Alexander (Ali) Lee Lalonde, and Alexander (Alex) George McColl September 9, 2018

*Submitted by Jean Cheyne*

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### WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Let me extend my heartfelt thanks to a 'behind the scenes' group of workers.

What do we do? This is a committee of the Pastoral Charge who plan and prepare for all services of worship. Working closely and on a regular basis with Rev. Candice and Music Director Bruce, we attempt to offer an hour of peace and quiet, creating a space for Sanctuary, a calm place so that you can be filled with Spiritual nourishment.

We are grateful to have added our babysitters to lead the Trinity Loves Children (TLC) program on Sunday mornings during worship services. Thank you to Falon and more recently to Erin and Caitlynn as they have entertained and created crafts with the little ones, giving a precious hour to busy parents during their time of worship.

Communion elements are prepared, flowers, candles and other decorations are prepared, greeters/ushers and readers are scheduled, and services for Baptisms, new members and our Anniversary are discussed. We take great pleasure in inviting special guest speakers and musicians who add another joyful dimension to worship.

Thank you Candice, Bruce, Ellen, Whitney, Joanne, Erma, Diane, Marion, and Fran.

*With thanks, submitted by Ann McAlpine, Worship Chair*

### MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The choir has worked hard this year, seemingly against the odds.

The weather and scheduling problems have cut

down on our rehearsals, but everyone was willing and able to learn the parts and performed admirably at both Easter and Christmas.

We have done a number of new anthems over the course of the year, and either I'm easily fooled, or we are in good shape for the future.

We have had a few new people coming out to rehearsals.

The organ is in good working order, however the piano needs some minor maintenance in the next few weeks.

I have contacted a couple of people about possibly coming to play concerts at our church. More to follow on that in the near future.

*Submitted by Bruce Ley, Musical Director*

### MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT

Over the past few months the members of your Ministry and Personnel Committee have met

several times with the Secretary of the Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge, our Minister, the Chair of Finance and a human resources consultant. These meetings produced an amendment to the Secretary's position so that it has now become Accounting Secretary and continues to be held by Kris Phillips. The Accounting Secretary will work Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 AM until noon.

The responsibilities for preparation of the bulletins, newsletters, annual reports amongst other communication duties will become part of a new position that the members of M & P have developed with our Minister, Candice Bist and the title of this new position will be Communications Secretary; until the new position has been filled, Rev. Candice will be performing these communications functions.

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Over the next couple of months the members of your Ministry and Personnel Committee will be working with Rev. Candice to recruit the perfect candidate for this position.

*Submitted by Susan Boon, Faye Allen, Ken McGhee, Ed Crewson*

## PASTORAL CHARGE OUTREACH PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

### **KAIROS**

We, the members of Dufferin Kairos group want to “thank” Trinity United Church for your ‘hospitality. You offer us space for our monthly meetings and support our efforts in many ways. Dufferin Kairos is a small ecumenical, even at times an interfaith group. We share information and learn in order to understand local and global social justice issues.

We support and initiate local actions in an effort that informs others about these issues. This past year we organized an event “Meet Your Neighbour”, in which refugees and recent newcomers shared stories and a delicious meal.

We came together as strangers and left with new friendships. We have been involved in many Indigenous educational events.

We are part of KAIROS Canada, to learn more about us go to [info@kairoscanada.org](mailto:info@kairoscanada.org) a social justice organization.

It brings together Indigenous Peoples, settlers, refugees and other newcomers with other faiths from around the globe, in a common commitment to justice.

This is the mission work of the United Church of Canada. It is good to know that many

denominations are working in the same way locally, nationally and globally. Again, thanks to Trinity United

*Submitted by Ruth Cruikshank for Dufferin Kairos group*

### **REPORT FROM PARTERA INTERNATIONAL**

Partera International has been working with organisations and communities around the world for many years, accompanying people in their search for nonviolent solutions to conflict. We have done training in conflict transformation, nonviolent direct action, economic literacy – getting at the economic roots of violence, gender and violence, religion and violence. We have worked in places as diverse as Congo and Colombia, Philippines and Uganda, Sudan and South Sudan, North East India and the Netherlands, Iraq and Mexico, Jordan and El Salvador. And we have seen so many amazing things coming out of these trainings – changed lives and communities, new peace-devoted organisations and creative nonviolent direct action. It is a gift and a privilege to be a part of this midwifing!

But something new is happening—what we are calling Partera LOCAL. It is all about creating a local footprint and echo of what we are doing in zones of conflict. And it starts right here in the Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge. There was already a modest beginning prior to the signing of a MOU between Partera Peacebuilders International that included preaching in churches, trainings with the staff of the Anglican’s relief and development organisation, with the staff of the General Council’s Church in Mission and the Office of the Moderator and General Secretary, and the National Youth Forum participants in this past year’s General Council meeting.

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In 2017, partnership with local churches, the national office and indigenous leadership from Six Nations of the Grand River, we led a two-day

training called 'Colour-coded: Decolonising Hearts, Minds and Spirits'. Most recently, I was part of the leadership for a conference in Toronto called Reaching and Preaching for Peace that included the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams.

In 2018, our work included visits to Mindanao, South Philippines and North East India. The former

brought together Christian settlers in the south with indigenous Muslim and Lumad peoples. And my work was to do a training in how to read the Bible non-violently! Somehow my hosts made it work and, remarkably, the Muslim and Lumad joined in the games and role-plays enthusiastically, bringing alongside our discussion wisdom from their own traditions.

Barriers of tradition and faith were wonderfully challenged and dismantled amongst this group of mostly students. The weeks there also included time in a Lumad village. Mindanao has been under martial law for more than a year and half as the central government in Manila and the Moro

National Liberation Front work towards a peace agreement. I was assigned two 'minders' and my movement was severely restricted in an area where Abu Sayef (an organisation said to have links with Daesh) is active.

In North East India, we are continuing our work focussed on the lives of women. In an area of India that is majority Christian, ethnically 'Mongolian' and tribal, more than 600,000 people have been killed. Women are marginalised, their interests unrecognised and their voices silenced. As we know, the best route out of violence, warfare and underdevelopment is a focus on women and girls. With this project, we are doing training in women's

human rights and conflict transformation with the ultimate goal the creation of three women-led, community-based peace commissions—with hopes to reach there by the end of 2022.

Partera Local recognises that while Canadians are not enmeshed in civil war, we, as with all humans, get stuck in patterns of conflict and aggression when faced with fear, anxiety, change, difference. In 2019, we will be offering four workshops over four months on conflict transformation as life skills: how to have difficult conversations, unconscious bias, peacemaking in a changing neighbourhood, and educating for peace.

Another piece to our work is fundraising. The work of peacemaking has benefitted from the support of the Pastoral Charge and its generous people! This past year, we had a summer Barn Dance and Silent Auction and an Advent-time Dickens of an Evening. We are grateful for the support of the Pastoral Charge and look forward to building this partnership; we want to recognise in particular those who are regular sustainers of this work!

In 2019 we will be returning to both NE India and the Philippines (where we will be training professors and seminarians in 'Biblical Peacemaking'), as well as Colombia and Palestine. Please remember this work in your prayers. Blessed are the peacemakers (Matthew 6.9), wherever they make peace.

Please NOTE: Partera is requesting one or two (even better) persons from the Pastoral Charge to join our Board.

*Respectfully submitted by LeeAnn McKenna, 05 February 2019*

### **REPORT FROM FIRST LINE FOR SYRIA**

Our refugee sponsorship group "First Line for Syria" is striving to help with a variety of practicalities for

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our newcomers -as they also make strides towards becoming more self-sufficient and independent.

Helin is making a wonderful effort in high-school- showing herself to be a leader within the student

community and maintaining an honour student academic standing. She also works part time and had a summer job this year as well. Her parents are slowly learning more English and building ties within our local community.

Our support, however, goes not only to our own sponsored family, but we are also helping and advising other new families in the area as that need arises. There is a new Syrian family in Shelburne, who has arrived via Saudi-Arabia and applied for refugee status- after arriving in Canada. They are settling in well, the parents having professional skills and they are already speaking almost fluent English. We have, however, been available to them with advice and offered our support.

Our work in the past year has otherwise mainly consisted of organizing driving to and from ESL in Alliston, plus driving our own family for shopping expeditions to Mississauga. We have been also taking part in several social gatherings within the Syrian/Kurdish community both locally and further afield, while also making an effort to include our newcomers in our own local events, be that neighbourhood pioneer days, family birthday parties, summer barbecues, concerts and theatre performances, plus excursions to Canada's wonderland etc.

Members of First Line have furthermore partaken in several interfaith gatherings; both with the Dufferin Muslim association and the mosque in Brampton- and so we continue to build relationships within the wider Muslim community.

Finally, we also offered a garden space to our sponsored family and so Sabah, Khaleel and Helin planted and grew a large and very successful vegetable garden this past year.

Our application to bring in the one brother of Mohammed Aldiri with his wife and their 6 children is slowly proceeding. It has been a very long and laborious process. This family is all still lingering in a crowded Refugee camp in Jordan. We have been in direct contact with them all via Snap-chat and

with Mohammed and Rana as translators we were able to write down their heart-breaking story and complete a very complicated and detailed application form.

Once this new family arrives our group will be responsible for helping them settle, hopefully near their own family in Alliston. We will also be paying for all their costs in the first year. On the agenda for this year will have to be some fundraising since the cost of caring for a large family for a full year will be significant. Keeping this in mind First Line has not spent any of the moneys set aside in our account in the past year. The final step in this process is that we require the church/pastoral charge to renew our "memorandum of understanding" in order to send the application into United Church headquarters.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing help that we have received from both Primrose and Trinity congregations, especially with ESL driving -as well as social interactions- and minister Candice's enthusiastic support for our work. We look forward to 2019!

*Submitted by Karin Klouman on behalf of First Line for Syria*

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

#### Executive of Pastoral Charge Council

##### **Chair of Pastoral Charge Council**

Gail Brown

##### **Chair of Trinity Council**

##### **Chair of Primrose Council**

Gail Brown

##### **Secretary of Council**

Paula Cameron

##### **Treasurer of Council**

Dave Hawthorne

##### **Chair of M and P**

Ed Crewson

##### **Minister**

Rev. Dr. Candice Bist

#### **Trinity Members to Pastoral Charge Council**

Vice Chair of Council

Secretary

Treasurer

Finance Chair

WOW Representative

#### **Chairs/Representatives of Committees**

Membership

Property

Pastoral Care

Trustee

Worship

Visioning Group

#### **Primrose Members to Pastoral Charge Council**

Past Clerk or Clerk Elect

Secretary

Treasurer/Chair of Finance

WOW Representative

Visioning Group

#### **Chairs/Representatives of Committees**

Christian Education

Trustees

Worship

Property

Outreach

Members at Large (3)

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#### PRIMROSE UNITED CHURCH 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY MAY 6, 2018  
@2:15 p.m.

Clerk Glen Thompson brought the meeting to order welcoming everyone. In attendance were Rev. Candice Bist, Ann Harbridge, Glen and Carol Thompson, Gail Brown, Shirley Farnell, Faye Allan, Linda Andrew, Babu and Anna Thomas, Jeff Cottam, Wally Barr and Karin Klouman Barr, Ken and Gwynn McGhee, Loretta Foster, Ann Kendrew, Fran Braiden, Merv and Bev Parker, Bruce Ley and Beth Brown.

Rev. Candice Bist opened the meeting with prayer.

Moved by Ken McGhee seconded by Merv Parker to adopt the agenda as presented. Carried  
Moved by Gail Brown seconded by Carol Thompson to give voting privileges to all except on personnel affairs. Carried

Moved by Ken McGhee seconded by Bev Parker to accept the 2017 Pastoral Charge report book. Carried

Moved by Shirley Farnell seconded by Karin Klouman Barr to adopt the minutes of the February 7, 2018 Primrose council meeting. Carried

Moved by Merv Parker seconded by Bev Parker to receive the audited treasurers report presented by Jeff Cottam. Year end totals are general \$12,936.22, Memorial \$12,112.74, Term Investments \$26,377.75. Carried.

Linda Andrew and Faye Allan audited the Church financials and gave Jeff advice and assistance with

the books as this has been a very busy time learning our accounting system. Jeff gave an excellent detailed financial report and he answered many questions. Linda and Faye have offered assistance to him at any time. Just ask. Thank you, Jeff.

Karin Klouman Barr clarified that the PACE Credit Union term investments are more community based and PACE lends out funds to community based businesses — commercial and personal.

Merv Parker asked about PAR and Candice presented the information and she is going to bring the necessary forms to church for those interested in signing up.

Moved by Jeff Cottam seconded by Faye Allan to budget \$750 to Mission and Service for 2018. Carried

Moved by Babu Thomas seconded by Karin Klouman Barr to accept the 2017 committee reports and the 2018 slate of officers with the following changes. Clerk of Session Gail Brown for one year, Babu Thomas and Merv Parker addition to Trustees and Property three year term, Faye Allan one year term on Ministry and Personnel. Carried

Two copies of our 2017 AGM report book with the audited financial corrections and slate of officers are to be forwarded to Northern Waters Presbytery. When the financials were audited there were some corrections made and a new updated audited financial report has been presented to Pastoral Charge.

Bruce Ley confirmed that he is receiving his pay increase.

Karin and Wally asked the congregation for assistance in driving Syrian families to ESL.

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Beth informed the congregation that we have the Primrose School Grade 8 graduation to cater on

Wednesday June 27. Sandwiches, squares and punch to be served. Beth asked for an assistant. Faye Allan has agreed to take this position.

Moved by Faye seconded by Linda Andrews to increase our catering prices. \$7.00 for sandwiches and squares, etc. \$17.00 for a full meal. If it is a church member and a funeral then we donate the food and if the family would like to make a donation to the church would be acceptable. Carried

Property— Glen gave us an update. Moved by Jeff Cottam seconded by Merv Parker to have Copeland Concrete put in a concrete pad for the oil tank and a new concrete sidewalk at a quote of \$3,503. Also Hamilton Brothers are taking away the old oil tank plus oil and putting in a new tank for a price of \$1600. Carried. Glen is also purchasing an air purifier.

Meditation Garden report was given by Bev Parker. Shirley Farnell updated everyone on the June 24th Garden Event.

Moved by Bev Parker seconded by Babu Thomas to join Trinity on getting photos done for a Pastoral Charge directory. Carried

Carol Thompson gave an update on the work she is doing on the historical role and updating phone numbers and addresses of the congregation.

May 27 at 2 p.m. is the date set for the Covenant Service. Moved by Merv Parker seconded by Shirley Farnell to cancel our morning service that day. Carried.

Moved by Merv Parker seconded by Babu Thomas

to purchase a United Church manual at a price of \$20. Carried

Moved by Faye Allan seconded by Karin Klouman Barr to donate \$1,000 to Suzie Stinson and her sons on the death of her husband. Carried

Faye Allan and Linda Andrews have requested that we get new Church auditors. They have did it for many years and would like to step back. Gail is going to check into accountants and prices and present to the congregation at our next council meeting.

Bev asked that our congregation save their outer milk bags to give to an organization that is making cover sheets for the homeless. Please bring to the church and Bev will pass them on.

Ann Harbridge will be on sabbatical from July 1 to October 1.

Our next meeting will be September 12, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the church. Ann Harbridge closed with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*Submitted by Beth Brown, Secretary Primrose United Church*

### CLERK OF SESSION REPORT

We have enjoyed a wonderful year at Primrose United Church, from our weekly gatherings in our little white church, to our fundraising and catering events, to our special Meditation Garden day, to our annual cleaning or weeding days, and ending with a full house for our Christmas service. Each activity brings us together in fellowship, helping one another, and helping those beyond our doors. We sadly have lost some dear members and friends this last year, and our thoughts are with the families involved.

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Through the leadership of Rev. Candice, the next year brings new ideas and new possibilities for the continued growth of our church, by providing for the interests and needs of the community around us. It will be exciting to see what the new year brings. May we continue to enjoy the friendships and sanctuary found at Primrose, and strive to allow change to move us forward to amazing new possibilities!

*Respectfully submitted by Gail Brown*

### PROPERTY REPORT

After 143 years of serving the Primrose community, the building and grounds are still holding up quite well. During the summer months, the old and rusty furnace oil tank was removed and replaced with a new and up-to-code tank. Because the new tank needed a proper concrete pad to sit on, it was an ideal time to upgrade the existing sidewalk. The new sidewalk now comes up flush to the front door and does away with the need for a wooden ramp. The Town of Mono generously agreed to take away the old pieces of sidewalk and to also supply us with a tandem load of gravel to improve our driveway.

The exterior of the building is in need of fresh white paint and the property committee will work on getting quotes together and present our result to council sometime in the spring.

*Respectfully submitted by Glen Thompson*

### PRESBYTERY REPORT

There were four Presbytery meetings this year, April 7<sup>th</sup> at Tottenham United Church, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Know United church in Durham, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Know United Church in Caledon Village, and finally November 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Johns United in Alliston. At these meetings we were learning about the remits

and the new organization of the United Church of Canada. Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge now belongs to Region 8. The regional office is located on Hwy 6 between Hwy 403 and Hwy 401. The address is: P.O. Box 100 Carlisle, Ontario, L0R 2H0. Phone number: 905 659 3343. Our contact person for Congregational Support and Mission is Rev. John Neff. There are plans for an annual meeting to take place some time in May 2019.

### CATERING REPORT

2018 was a busy year for our church catering. There were many funerals, Primrose School Graduation, Dufferin County Farm Tour and the New Horizons Christmas Dinner.

The fund-raising events were very successful and definitely helped the bottom line in our bank account.

These events would not happen without the generosity and hardworking members of our congregation. Also a thank you to Glen for bringing Rosie to the Farm Tour. She was a big hit!

In April of 2019 Sharon Holmes, Faye Allan and Beth Brown are attending a government run course on Food Handling. Alice Jones is going to take the course also but online. They are telling us that it is going to be mandatory that anyone or any group serving food will need to have taken this course.

Thank you to all for all that you do to make our catering fun and profitable. We do have a great time working together!

*Submitted by Beth Brown*

### MEDITATION GARDEN REPORT

We had another successful year in our Meditation Garden. Spring cleanup, weeding, revamping,

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mulch spreading, etc. were accomplished with the help of Carol Edwards and the garden committee.

On June 24 we celebrated a Quiet Garden Day with a theme of Contemplation, Creativity and Conversations. Instructors were available for meditation, yoga, mindfulness and floral arranging.

Unfortunately, the weather was not too cooperative so planned activities were mostly held in the church itself. This worked out well. The weather cooperated enough to allow Leanne McKenna to lead mindfulness meditative walks through the Meditation Walk and Serenity Circle. Many thanks to the many volunteers who helped with the planning and execution of this event. The feedback from the participants was very positive.

Tyson White earned some of his volunteer hours by gardening, digging and potting up for us.

Again we are overwintering some perennials in our holding tank for the 2019 May plant sale.

In October we planted a flowering crab apple tree to replace the one dedicated in memory of Ed Kendrew and damaged by the ice storm. Thanks to Wally Barr for volunteering to do the digging and planting.

Also thanks to Shirley's Garden Centre for assistance with a temporary replacement planter and to Faye Allan, Anna and Bob Thomas, Leanne and Jeff, Karin Klouman, Carol and Glen Thompson and Gwynn McGhee for watering this planter through the summer drought.

Thank to everyone who helped 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 Beverly Parker*

## SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2019

### Clerk of Session

Gail Brown until 2021

### Secretary

Carol Thompson until 2022

### Treasurer

Fran Braiden until 2020

### Trustees & Property

Glen Thompson until 2021

Babu Thomas until 2021

Merv Parker until 2021

Faye Allan until 2021

### Ministry and Personnel

Faye Allan until 2021

Shirley Farnell until 2022

### Worship

Gwynn McGhee until 2022

### Regional Rep

Sharon Holmes until 2022

### Christian Education

Gail Brown until 2020

### Outreach

Karin Kloumin until 2021

LeeAnn McKenna until 2021

Sharon Holmes until 2021

### Visioning Committee

Alice Jones until 2022

Jeff Cottam until 2022

Gail Gail Brown until 2022

Shirley Farnell until 2022

### Catering Coordinator

Beth Brown

### Quiet Garden Committee

Beverly Parker, chair

### Members at large for Shelburne Pastoral Charge Council

Merv Parker until 2021

Ann Kendrew until 2020

Ken McGhee until 2022

### Pastoral Charge Finance Committee representatives:

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

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#### TRINITY UNITED CHURCH 2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Sunday February 25, 2018 1:00 pm

Ann McAlpine welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

An attendance sheet was circulated.

Rev. Ann Harbridge opened the meeting with prayer.

#### Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. Moved by Dave Montgomery, seconded by Diane Johnston. Motion Carried.

Ann Harbridge explained that adherents are allowed to vote on temporal matters which include finances and property but not the hiring or firing of personnel

Motion: Motion to allow adherents to vote at this annual meeting. Moved by John Gade, seconded by Jean Cheyne. Carried

#### Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting

Errors:

- page 30 in the annual report all references to 2015 should be 2016.

Motion: Motion to approve the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting held on February 26, 2016 as amended. Moved by Joanne Avison, seconded by Rebecca Homewood. Carried.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

Rev. Candice Bist read the In-Memoriam List for 2017

#### Committee Reports

The Committee Reports have been included in the Annual Report, pages 1-12 and 29-36. The committee reports were not reviewed individually.

Motion: Motion to approve the committee reports on pages 1-12 and 29-36 in the 2017 Annual Report. Moved by Michael Hofman, seconded by Kathryn Crowe. Carried.

#### Trinity Financial Report and 2018 Budget – presented by Dave Hawthorne

Dave Hawthorne presented the 2017 financial report and the 2018 budget for Trinity. He reviewed the revenue and expenses for 2017. The data was presented via pie graphs on the overhead monitors. The financial report is included in the Annual Report pages 39-42. Dave separated revenue and expenses between the 2017 operating budget and stair project which is a capital project.

Total Revenue for 2017: \$134 608.44  
 Total Expense for 2017: \$124 784.99  
 Net Income for 2017: \$9 823.45

Dave answered questions from the congregation regarding the 2017 revenue and expenses.

Motion: Motion to approve the 2017 Trinity Financial Report. Moved by Ed Crewson, seconded by Rebecca Homewood. Carried.

Discussion to set Mission and Service Goal for 2018– the congregation discussed setting a goal for the 2018 Mission & Service fund.

Motion: Motion that the 2018 Mission & Service goal be set at \$9500. Moved by John Gade, seconded by Ruth Cruikshank. Carried.

Review of the 2018 Trinity Budget  
 Dave reviewed the 2018 operating budget and answered questions from the congregation.

Motion: Motion to approve the 2018 Trinity Budget. Moved by Jamie McAlpine, seconded by Ed Crewson. Carried.

**Pastoral Charge Financial Report and 2018 Budget** – presented by Dave Hawthorne  
 Dave presented the 2017 Pastoral Charge Financial Report and the budget for 2018.

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Motion: Motion to approve the 2017 Pastoral Charge Financial Report. Moved by Dave Montgomery, seconded by John Gade. Carried

Motion: Motion to approve the 2018 Pastoral Charge Budget. Moved by Wendy Crewson, seconded by Diane Johnston. Carried.

**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 2017.

Motion: Motion that the auditor's report for 2017 be received. Moved by Alan Selby, seconded by Joanne Avison. Carried

Motion: Motion to appoint Alan Selby as the Auditor for 2018. Moved by Diane Johnston, seconded by Joanne Avison. Carried

**Nominating Committee** – presented by Ann McAlpine

The changes for 2018 are as follows:

Chair of Council: Alternating Heads of Committees

Vice Chair: vacant

Chair of Worship: Ann McAlpine

Chair of Hospitality: Shirley Gade

Member on Finance: Al Widbur

Member on Property: Salem Jano

Motion: Motion to accept the 2018 Nominating Committee report. Moved by Jaime McAlpine, seconded by Ruth Cruikshank. Carried.

New Business:

1. Ann McAlpine reviewed a church Calendar of Events for 2018. A handout was available detailing the planned church events.

Rev. Candice Bist closed the meeting in prayer

Motion to adjourn: Diane Johnston.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

*Submitted by Paula Cameron, Secretary of Council*

## REPORT FROM THE PAST CHAIR OF COUNCIL

This year, the leadership of Trinity Council has been shared by all members of council. Each Committee Chair had an opportunity to step in to chair our monthly meetings. This gave everyone a chance to set the agenda with the approval of our Minister, circulate reports, and communicate effectively as a council.

In looking ahead to 2019, there is a vision which has been gathered within our church. This is true leadership. It focuses on what we are doing which is strong, positive, and energizing. It is a focus on what we are doing right now and who we are and what we can do- next.

I would encourage all members and adherents to get on board with this change. Let's look at the next steps and how we can get there.

I believe the congregation needs to understand the vision and look ahead in order to help us move forward. Accepting change may help us move forward. Praying about it may move us forward. Demonstrating compassion and caring for one another may help us move forward.

SO, we must get along, be positive, be supportive, be energized, choke out criticism and complaint, encourage, enjoy the music, and find opportunities to nurture the Spirit.

Build it and they will come.

Let this be our resurrection, out of death comes new life.

*Prayerfully submitted by Ann McAlpine, Past Chair*

## TRINITY LOVES CHILDREN (TLC) REPORT

On Sunday mornings, Trinity's babysitters Caitlyn and Erin arrive at the church at 10:45am to prepare some planned activities for the children. Shortly

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before 11:00, the 4-6 children are met in the play room upstairs. The age range is from 1 to 9 years

old. Typically, the children are occupied with various crafts and board games that we deem age appropriate based on their ages. We enjoy reading to the younger children from time to time. Between 12:00 and 12:10, the children are walked downstairs to meet with their respective parents.

*Submitted by Erin & Caitlyn*

### 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. The property committee is also completing a bulk of the work on our exterior betterment project. This year we continued with the second portion of our stair project; the bell relocation, which is slated to be wrapped up in the spring.

Everyone that has contributed to the project thus far, should be amazed at what we can accomplish as a congregation, when we work with a common vision. We have done extremely well at achieving our \$15,000 congregational fundraising goal, however we still have a little bit to go. If you are able to contribute to this project, we ask that you direct your contributions to the "Stairs Fund" by indicating it on your envelope.

You will also start to see interior improvements begin in the room where we host Soup Haus, with the objective of improving energy efficiency and hospitality to our visitors.

The Property and Visioning Committee will continue to meet and plan for additional interior and exterior betterment projects with the focus of increasing our presence within the community and opportunities for church growth.

*Submitted by Michael Hofman, Property Chair*

### PRESBYTERY REPORT

Northern Waters Presbytery held four meetings in 2018. The usual business of the court was dealt with at each meeting following the opening worship. Each worship time had a theme relating to our changing church. The final meeting of Northern Waters Presbytery was held in Alliston in November. Here we had the opportunity to reflect on the past, look forward to the future and give thanks for all that we have experienced in our presbytery.

Since all remits passed at General Council of the United Church in July of 2018 at Oshawa our presbytery becomes part of a much larger region beginning January 1, 2019. There are only 16 regional councils across Canada. As in any restructuring changes occur. All presbyters of the new region had the opportunity to meet in Mount Forest in the fall to meet new people. **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. Certainly a large area.

The first annual meeting of **WOW** will be held in Port Elgin, May 24-26, 2019. Consider being a presbytery representative and be involved with the winds of change that are blowing in the United Church.

*Respectfully submitted by Mary Hawthorne and Joanne Avison*

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### 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. While we do not have an organized structure for UCW at Trinity we retain our association with Presbytery and attend those meetings. We provided funeral luncheons for six bereaved families in 2018. These efforts contribute to the general funds of our church. We also supported the Breakfast Club that runs in the schools in Shelburne and purchased the Mandate subscription for 2018 & 2019 for our church.

The women's monthly breakfast is on the last Saturday of each month @9am 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*

(For financials, please see finance section)

### SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR TRINITY COUNCIL 2019

**Note:** The nominating group is still finetuning this list to find leaders in each area.

#### Chair of Council and Vice Chair

##### Secretary

Paula Cameron

##### Treasurer

Dave Hawthorne

#### WOW Representation

Mary Hawthorne

#### Finance

Dave Hawthorne

Jennifer Crewson

Scott Caughill

Al Widbur

#### M and P

**Ed Crewson (Chair)**

Susan Boon

Faye Allan

Ken McGhee

#### Membership

Jean Cheyne

#### Trustees

**Wendy Crewson**

Grant Ferguson

Linda Lennox

#### Worship

Chair:

**Music:**

Bruce Ley

Choir Member

#### Communion/Outside Services/Liturgical Things

Joanne Avison

Marion Web

Erma Lepard

Diane Johnson

#### Worship as Sanctuary – Trinity

Whitney Hofman

Ellen Montgomery Smith

Ann McAlpine

Jennifer Shaver

#### Property:

**Michael Hofman (Chair)**

Mary Hawthorne

Paula Cameron

Salam Jano

Wayne Ferrier

Joe Cruikshank

Noah Cruikshank

Alex Thompson

#### Pastoral Care

##### Chair:

Linda Moore

Mary Lavery/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

##### Card Secretary:

Joanne Avison

#### Visioning Group

#### Community Initiative

#### Spiritual Religious Education

## **Special Dates for Trinity and Primrose**

**Sunday February 10**, Baptism (Trinity)

**Sunday February 17**, Baptism (Trinity)

**Sunday February 24**, Baptism (Trinity)

**Sunday February 24**, Annual General Meeting  
8 am Primrose, 1 pm Trinity (pot luck lunch prior)

**Friday March 1 at 2 pm**, Trinity United Church World Day of Prayer

**Sunday March 3**, Transfiguration Sunday and Communion

**Tuesday March 5, 6 – 8 pm**, Shrove 'Pancake' Tuesday @ Souphaus

**Wednesday March 6, 7 pm**, Trinity United Church, Ash Wednesday  
joint service with St. John the Evangelist Parish

**Sunday March 10**, Beginning of Lent

\*\*\*Primrose Congregation Meeting Back in the Church\*\*\*\*

**Sunday April 15**, Palm Sunday, Communion

**Thursday April 18**, Maundy Thursday Service

**Friday April 19, 7 pm**, Good Friday Service

**Sunday April 21**, Easter Sunday

**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 8 – 11**, Primrose Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale

**Sunday May 12** Mother's Day Service

**Saturday May 25**, Primrose's Got Talent?!

**Sunday June 2** Trinity Anniversary Sunday

**Sunday June 9** Communion

**Sunday June 16** Father's Day

**Sunday June 23**, Quiet Garden Gathering

**Friday June Strawberry Supper**, date TBA

**Sunday September 1** Creation Season

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

**Saturday October 5**, Primrose Fall Concert at Grace Tipling Hall

**Sunday October 6**, World Communion Day

and Primrose Anniversary Service, Close of the Primrose Silent Auction

**Sunday October 13**, Thanksgiving

**Sunday October 27**, Reformation Sunday

**November 1**, Trinity Fall Dinner

**Sunday November 10**, Remembrance Day Service

**Sunday November 24**, Christ the King Sunday and Communion

**Sunday December 1**, Advent Season Begins

**Saturday December 21**, Winter Solstice Service

**Sunday December 22, 9 am**, Primrose Christmas Morning Service

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

**Wednesday December 25**, Christmas Day

**Sunday December 29**, Last Sunday Service of 2019