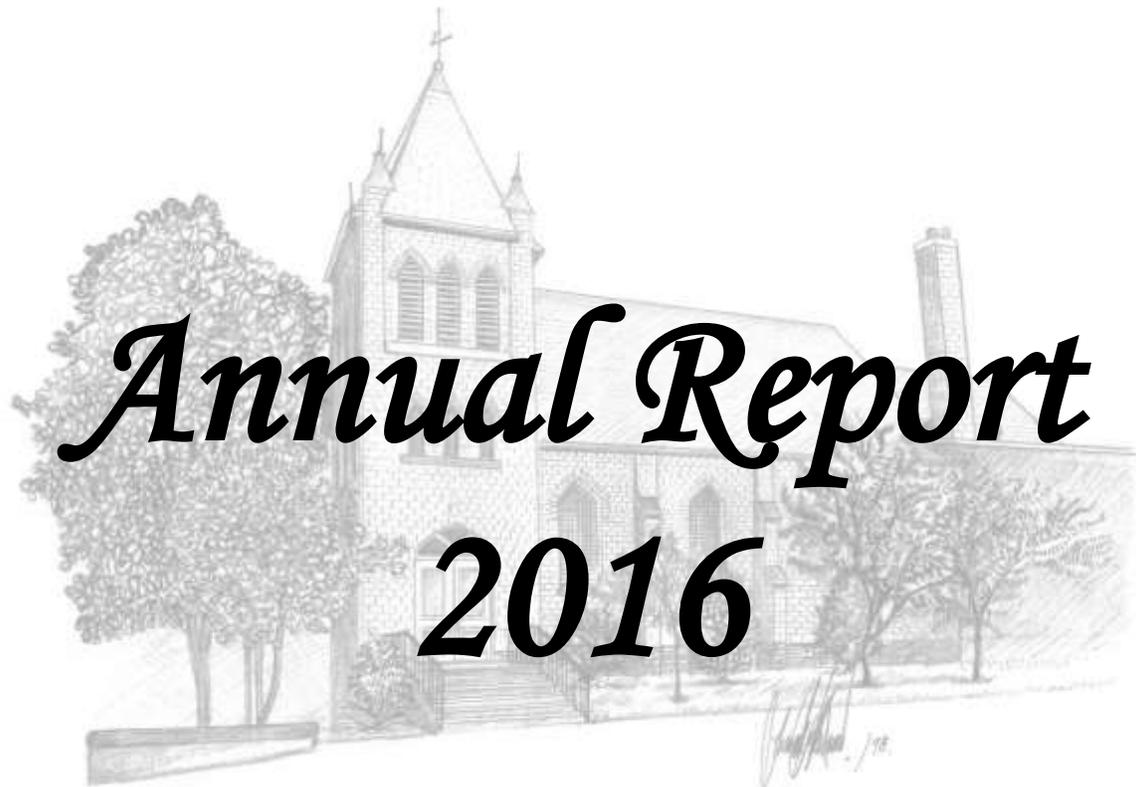


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Trinity Statistics

Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, Members

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of marriages conducted by minister	21	21	16	16	13	12
Number of baptisms	5	4	4	5	1	3
Number of funerals conducted by minister	38	45	34	42	26	26
Number of members received by transfer		13	6	6	6	9
Number received by profession of faith				1	0	0
Number of members removed by death	7	14	6	12	8	4
Number of members removed by transfer	0	1	2	0	1	1
Number removed by Act of Council (April 2016)						17
Roll correction added by Act of Council (April 2016)						12
Total Membership	280	278	276	271	268	267
Average Sunday attendance (based on October and November)	200	200	200	200	150	140
Number of supporters (families and individuals who contribute by envelope or otherwise)	202	190	199	199	218	243

In Memoriam

In 2016 the following funerals/Celebrations of Life were conducted through Trinity United Church. * indicates a direct association with Trinity as a member or adherent. We remember them with affection and gratitude for their contributions to church and community, as we extend again our sympathy to their families.

Barry Mees*	Bill Cousins *	Shirley Rand
Douglas Fisher	Cornelius Vanderkraan *	James Brooks
Thorold Potts	Barry McFadyen	John Verbeek *
Dorothy (White) Huntington	Owen Swann	Ted Skerritt *
Thelma Every *	Stina Nyquist	
Jack Winterbottom	William Schamehorn *	
Peggy (Cairns) MacKay *	Tylor McKinnon	
Florence MacDonald	Zetta Markle	
Carl Smith	Clarence MacDonald	
Herbert Brush	Vinson Stillar	
David Russell *	Joyce Sherman	
Joseph Kuhlenkamp	Cassandra Turner	
Bud Lawrence*	Jack Carswell *	



Once again it is my pleasure and responsibility to comment on my work, and in general the work that Trinity has done in an effort to help us hold our vision as a congregation at the forefront of all we do. Rather than work, I believe that we have a specific ministry. In all we do, from sweeping floors to fixing the lighting; from preparing lunches to singing in the choir; from teaching our young people (and older folks too) to buying Fundscrip cards; from donating in whatever ways we can; to participating in some of many activities that happen here, we are contributing to the work of God.

Throughout 2016, Trinity has once again shown itself as the congregation at the heart of our community, with a heart that is open and loving. As you read the reports of the various groups of the church, you will hear about the tremendous things done here in the name of Christ, in the name of Love.

Although, the group was started in 2015, in late November of last year, the Syrian Refugee Sponsorship committee was finally able to move a Syrian family to Huntsville. This family of two adults and their five children now occupy the old Manse (8 West Street E.). Trinity has been very much a part of this re-settlement process. Even though the sponsorship group had anticipated receiving a family in early 2016, it didn't happen. Nonetheless, the group was prepared and had made an agreement with our Trustees to lease the Manse. When a delay was realized, the Trustees felt it important to re-negotiate the terms, and while the building was ready the rent would be reduced until the family arrived. The reduction allowed Trinity to pay the bills for the Manse.

Unfortunately, 2016 also saw Trinity lose some wonderful people to death or simply by them moving away. These people shared their gifts with others, with the congregation and the larger community and will truly be missed. Yet, just as some folks are no longer here, new individuals and families move here and begin to share their talents with us. The circle of life is here, as it is everywhere.

Personally, I enjoyed vacation time in July and spent a week travelling around Nova Scotia and P.E.I. with my grandson. I have continued working with the Ethics Consultation Team at Fairvern Nursing Home, and as part of this program continued my own education in the area of ethics. As well, I continue to provide spiritual support to Hospice Huntsville. I share monthly worship responsibilities at Fairvern and lead monthly worship at Muskoka Landing and Muskoka Traditions.

One area of ministry that is very important at Trinity is that of Pastoral Care. A Visitation Team, created under the leadership of Sally Brady when she was our Care Co-ordinator, has been re-activated under the guidance of Judy Pearson. Those who visit on behalf of Trinity do a wonderful ministry. However, there are times when no one is aware that a visit, even a phone call, can be helpful because we are not told. I encourage you to call the office if you think a visit or call would be helpful.

In 2017, a major challenge facing us as a community of faith is the effort we will put into the ministry of our children and youth. Kate Boyko has resigned from her contract position but is still very much a part of Trinity. As we move forward we will be planning a new model.

Lastly, I want to thank the congregation for the love and support I received after my surgery in late October.

A new year is before us. We have a terrific ministry to do, and the wonderful gifts to accomplish God's work that is before us. Working toward the same vision we are truly God's people.

Report from the Chair of Council

Joanne Purchase

My first year as Council Chair has been both interesting and challenging and a learning curve for me. I thank all those whose advice and ongoing support have enabled me to stay sane and grounded, with special thanks to the previous chair, Lynda Arnold, whose assistance during the transition was invaluable. It has been a pleasure this year to work with the Council Executive, a very dedicated and inspiring group who work very hard to provide meaningful worship services and programming, educational and social events, and to keep up the facilities in which all these happen. To all those on Church Council, and especially those who have just finished your terms, thank you for a job well done. Your hours of service are deeply appreciated. I also thank our wonderful staff: Derek, Suzy, Johnny, Kate, Wayne and Bill. All of them fulfill their responsibilities with enthusiasm and dedication, and we deeply appreciate the many ways they enrich our lives at Trinity.

As you read through these reports and watch the Year in Review video (thank you for the wonderful photographs, Alastair!) you will see that Trinity is a very active and busy place. We held a wide variety of special events, including a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon, a celebration of Passover, a delicious Italian dinner, the Annual church picnic, the entertaining "Thank you for the Music" concert by some of our talented choir members, regular delicious Souper Sandwich Luncheons, the Frosty Fair, and our Advent Potluck and Birthday Celebration.

In May we celebrated as one of our members, Meg Jordan, was ordained as a United Church minister at the annual meeting of Toronto Conference in Midland. Linda Newnham, who served here at Trinity as a part time intern, was also ordained. Back at Trinity the following week, Meg was presented with a preaching stole from our congregation. She is presently serving as minister in Elmdale. We wish God's blessings on both Meg and Linda as they conduct their ministries.

In October, while Derek was recovering from back surgery, Church Council took over the leadership of two worship services. We celebrated Trinity's 147th Anniversary, and introduced the United Church's 2016 Stewardship Campaign entitled Salt and Light. The goal was to get more people to make a commitment for their givings for 2017 and to sign up with PAR to enable a smoother budgeting process. Thank you to all of you who responded generously to that appeal. Also in October, Kate Boyko, our Youth Coordinator, had the wonderful, life-changing experience of travelling to Korea as part of a team of United Church people from Toronto Conference. In May, a group of Koreans will make a return visit to Canada. We look forward to hearing more about this trip from Kate sometime this winter/spring.

This year we set up three new volunteer positions. Judy Pearson is coordinating a team of visitors who are doing their best to provide Pastoral Care to those of our members who are unable to attend worship

or who have other special needs. We are grateful to Judy and her team. We also saw a need to coordinate and expand our publicity for events here at Trinity, and Lynda Baker has accepted the role of Publicity Coordinator for a one year trial. If you need Publicity for any Trinity event, please contact Lynda. Fran Mitchell is in charge of our new ongoing fundraiser, Fundscrip, and we encourage you to regularly buy gift cards from Fran to use for your own everyday shopping as well as gifts for others.

This spring, members of the United Church of Canada all across the country will vote on several remits that will potentially change the basic governance of our church. There will be opportunities here at Trinity to learn about these proposed changes and I encourage all of you to get informed. Details can also be found on the UC website gc42.ca

One of my main goals this year was to enable a regular "conversation" with the people of Trinity by setting up the email trinitycouncilchair@gmail.com and I thank all of you who use it regularly to send me your ideas, suggestions and complaints about life and events here at Trinity. I share anonymously (unless you give permission to be identified) the comments I receive with Church Council Executive, and we try to act upon them wherever possible. Please continue to talk to me and other council members regularly. Your thoughts and feelings are important, and Church Council represents you. We need to hear from you often.

In spite of all the good things that happen here, it would be both dishonest and unhealthy to pretend that all is well. There are some new cracks appearing and some previous ones growing bigger. It is increasingly difficult to find people to serve on our council committees. In 2015, eighteen people completed their terms on Council and only ten new ones were elected, leaving several committees very short-handed. This year the numbers balance out between those retiring and those joining Council, but we have still not made up for last year's decrease, and several committees do not have enough members to function effectively. Our numbers at worship are very slowly declining and this year we barely scraped through to meet our planned budget. Every year we lose more people by death and outgoing transfers than we gain. The whole area of providing programming for children continues to be a difficult and frustrating one, and we are failing to attract and serve the needs of young families. We often disappoint those who would like a more modern approach to interpreting the scriptures and updating the language of worship and music. One area in which we are falling far behind most churches is in the use of technology during worship services.

We have many challenges. We also have many very talented and hard-working people who are committed to making Trinity grow and thrive. Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a variety of talents and the work of a dedicated congregation to keep a church alive and growing. As we move into 2017, let us resolve to work together to encourage more people to get involved at Trinity, to be more innovative and creative in planning different kinds of spiritual, educational and social events, to reach out to those who need our help and our support, and to find new ways to "be the church" in this our time and place.

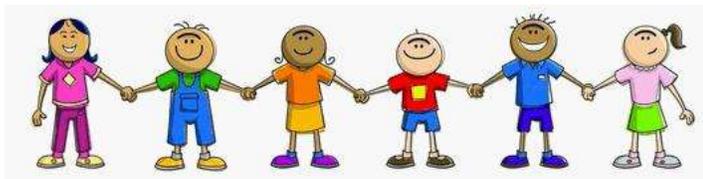


For a small committee, we have a surprisingly robust number of items to report. The Christian Education committee included three members last year. The committee set its sights on adult education initiatives, the regular coffee hour and communion rotation, as well as maintaining a link and connection with our outgoing youth leader Kate Boyko.

Sunday School Coordinator Update:

Yes, our dedicated and talented youth leader, Kate Boyko, has resigned from her position with Trinity, effective the end of February. Many families have formally and informally described this as a loss for our church family; many have expressed their appreciation for Kate's work and dedication and creative spirit toward the young people in our midst. Thankfully, Kate has made it very clear that she fully intends to remain and return as a volunteer and integral member of the Trinity Church community.

At the most recent meeting, Council passed a resolution to continue to support a funded youth programmer / Sunday School coordinator position at Trinity. A small committee / group will meet to discuss, research and propose a renewed model for youth programmer / Sunday School leadership, which they will present to council in the future. If you are interested in joining this group or giving input, please contact Rev Derek or Jen Nicholson (705 787 8025). Council agreed it was important for Trinity to continue with its funding commitments, yet other models of leadership / programming based on feedback from families are important to consider. In the interim, we will be looking for volunteers to help cover Sunday School. Please contact Jen Nicholson (705 787 8025) or email Kate if you can help in any way! even just one Sunday.



Youth Education / Sunday School Initiates 2016:

There were many youth activities and initiatives amongst the Trinity Youth this year. These included but were not confined to:

- Weekly Sunday School programming, thanks to the leadership of Kate and support from parent volunteers,
- Community outreach in the form of our free hot chocolate and treat stand at the Santa Claus parade, which saw over 250 total drinks and treats served,
- A youth-led food drive; we were able to deliver thirty bags of groceries to the Table Food Bank,
- An intergenerational Christmas pageant, which was well received by many,
- Having one of our youth read at the Christmas Eve service,
- Confirmation classes for the older youth, which led to youth learning about and participating more in worship and Communion,
- Recreational / play learning (yes, we learn a ton about God, relationships, what is to be alive through recreation.... Lots of dense research out there which attests to this),

- Lots of crafting and arts,
- Trinity's basement space saw wonderful improvements this season, with the Property Committee providing new flooring for our older youth room; as well as a paint refresh, thanks to Lynda and Murray Arnold.

Youth Confirmation Class:

This year Trinity supported its older youth by offering them a one-year Confirmation program that kicked off in April, 2016. It was felt that our older youth needed a better outlet for faith development above Sunday School. This year has seen them bond as congregation members, and grow in their understanding about the importance of maintaining our physical space at Trinity, while also working on life skills.

Kate travelled to South Korea as a representative of the United Church of Canada:

Kate travelled, as a representative of Toronto Conference, to Seoul, South Korea in October. She was invited by Seoul Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in The Republic of Korea (PROK) as part of a group of sixteen representatives from The United Church. They visited several different churches, special interest groups and governing offices. UCC will host members of the PROK in May, 2017.

Adult Programming:

Adult Study/Discussion: Approximately ten people gathered on Thursday evenings this fall to reflect and discuss and grapple and laugh (I think this is called fellowship). The group followed ideas of Richard Rohr's "Breathing Under Water, Spirituality and the 12 Steps." The group agreed they want to continue – Jim Miller has stepped forward to facilitate a new series starting at the end of January, which will follow the questions and ideas and images found in Morgan Freeman's DVD series, "The Story of God". Please see the bulletin or Church website for more information about this adult education series.

Communication Committee

Lynda Baker

In 2016, the Communication Committee consisted of Justine McDonnell, Susan Brown, Beth Potter, Thelma Beaudry (Secretary), and Lynda Baker (Chair).

The committee assisted in creating four newsletters during 2016 - in March, June, September and December. It is hoped that the Trinity congregation enjoyed learning about Trinity news and events by reading the newsletter - either on paper, or online at the Trinity website

www.trinityunitedchurchhuntsville.weebly.com

Over the past year, Suzy Simson, in Trinity's office, has taken a more active role in editing the newsletter, and we thank her for this! We appreciate the individuals and businesses who advertise within the newsletter, as this is the committee's main source of fundraising, and thank Susan Brown and Suzy Simson for keeping the advertising records well organised.

Trinity's Welcome Brochure provides information for anyone new to Trinity, or who is visiting the area. Throughout 2016, Justine McDonnell has ensured that copies of this brochure, along with Trinity's other informational brochures, are always available in the pews for those who are interested.

Another method of communication, within Trinity and to the public, is through notices on Trinity's bulletin boards. Justine McDonnell has been keeping these boards current and attractive, and she deserves our thanks!

It is important to let the broader community know about some of the exciting events at Trinity. In November, Trinity Council decided that it would be helpful to have a specific person appointed to communicate this information through the local media, as needed. Lynda Baker will be taking on this role over the next calendar year. Anyone wanting a Trinity event to be broadcast through the local media should let Lynda know the details of the event.

Trinity's website is continually updated with information so that it can be a useful method of informing the congregation, and the world beyond, about what is happening at Trinity. During 2016, Trinity's website service provider was changed to allow us to make the website more user-friendly. We hope that you like the changes! The new address for the website is

www.trinityunitedchurchhuntsville.weebly.com

Each week Suzy Simson ensures that the weekly announcements are posted on the website. New in 2016 was the addition of a link to audio recordings of Derek's weekly sermons, in order to share with anyone who has missed a service. We particularly thank Lynda Arnold for her hard work with the website during this past year. Thank you also to Ian McTavish, Alastair Dunlop, and Suzy Simson for their website work.

I have enjoyed the great learning experience of being on this dedicated, hard working committee during the past three years! Beth Potter and Thelma Beaudry will continue on the committee in 2017. I would like to thank them, along with departing committee members Justine McDonnell and Susan Brown for all their hard work over the past year!

Deep Roots – New Growth

Lynda Arnold

The Deep Roots – New Growth Committee consists of Lynda Arnold, Georgina Gregory, Judy Pearson, Rev. Derek Shelly and Judy White. The funds and associated bills designated to this project continue to be managed by Ross Gilbert through the Trustee account. Income tax receipts are issued separately from regularly givings.

With many thanks to the project manager, Judy Hall, all projects have been finished at this point. Over the past three years, major upgrades (including structural) were completed to Trinity Hall; a fully accessible washroom and auto-opening entrance doors were installed; lighting in both the choir loft and the main part of the Sanctuary was upgraded; insulation was added over the Hearth Room and connecting areas; sound systems were upgraded; and security throughout the building was improved.

The initial budget was \$89,500 with the final figures settling just over \$100,000. The funds raised, and project costs to the end of December follow. The remaining interest-free loan will be paid in full by July, and a portion of the final project cost (Sanctuary lighting) is outstanding.

A request to the congregation for additional financial support was made, and it is the hope of this committee that the financial responsibilities of this project will be completed early in 2017.

Your support of these projects has been and is greatly appreciated!

Fellowship and Membership Committee

Fran Mitchell

The purpose of the Fellowship and Membership Committee is to promote Christian Fellowship and to help the congregation exercise its ministry of pastoral care to the congregation and the community. Our functions revolve around food, flowers and fun! This year we added one more project 'Fundscrip' which was to be our project to raise extra funds for the church.

Our committee consisted of Marj Adam and Pat Crawford, with Fran Mitchell as the Chair for the year.

We delivered flowers at Easter and again at Christmas, to seniors either in special homes or at their own home. At Easter, we raised \$458.00 and at Christmas \$265.00.

Our fundraiser for the year was to introduce "Fundscrip". This is a popular program used by organizations to raise money for various reasons. This programme consists of families purchasing gift cards to purchase their necessities for their monthly purchases. We stress that the programme is used to purchase necessities such as groceries or gas, as these are purchases that are done every month. Each retailer provides the church with a percentage of the amount that each family spent, and that percentage then becomes money raised by the church. We ran the program for October, November and December, raising \$1064.00 that was given to the Finance Committee.



Our events for the year began with a Spring Luncheon, with Guest Speaker, Scott Aitchison, who talked about his plans for his first year in office. His speech was well received.

This year the church picnic was organized by the Worship Committee, to relieve our little committee. Thank you very much for your help.

We have had one New Member Sunday. We welcomed Suzette Nelson, Sally and Charles McClelland, and Sheila Petch. Don't forget, "IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN COFFEE HOUR THAT YOU HAVE NOT HAD A WORD WITH – TAKE THE TIME TO SPEAK TO THEM AND GET TO KNOW THEM AS A NEW FRIEND."

We organized the Advent Sunday Pot Luck, which saw a large number of families come out to celebrate the Advent season. We shared together a great lunch meal, as well as singing our wonderful Christmas carols together. Many thanks to the members of the UCW who stepped up to help with the clean-up at the end of the event.

The Fellowship and Membership Committee plays an important role in the life of Trinity. It is a very "hands-on" committee and has a motto of "*many hands make lighter work*".

Improv

Derek Shelly

For the past twelve years, a group has met most Tuesdays at Trinity to learn, practise and play. Improv at first seems scary to some and all just made up. No doubt it can be scary, but that is one of the purposes of the gathering – helping us overcome our fears.

Improv is not “just anything goes”. It works best when certain tenets are followed – those participating need to “trust” each other; they need to listen to each other (this skill is much easier said than done). Too often when someone is speaking we are busy working on our own reply, which means we really don’t hear what is being said. Improv also teaches us to be open to the other person and that we don’t have control of all that happens. When we can be accepting of the other person’s message and add to it (say “yes and” rather than “yes but”) the conversation (or sketch) moves forward.

We meet each week at 7 pm on Tuesday in the Hearth Room. We welcome anyone who wants to participate or even just sit and watch. One person has described this time as an “hour of laugh therapy” – well now we have stretched it to an hour and a half. Feel free to come out and join us.

Knitting Group

Joan Behm

A group of Trinity Members and Friends have been meeting once to twice a month to share their love of knitting with each other and the Community.

Our initial idea of Hug Shawls still continues, and these are always available in the Hearth Room, to be distributed by the congregation when a need arises.



We are fortunate to have Jody MacPherson in the church and at Algonquin Health Centre, so we have branched out to knitting Chemo Hats, Picc Line covers and Knitted Knockers. The various colours have brought smiles at a difficult time.

The Rotary Club, through Gord Mitchell and Jennifer Simpson, have distributed Izzy Dolls to children in the Dominican and Honduras, and Gord returns next month with more dolls to pad his suitcase.

The UCW's Frosty Fair had a knitting table, including hats, scarves and texting mitts. The knitting that wasn't sold there was donated to the Outreach Committee for the Table Soup Kitchen's dinner in December.

Any profit made from the Hug Shawls and blankets goes towards purchasing more fun wool.

Prayer Pockets are always available in the Narthex, to give out or to put on the collection plate with a name inside.

Anyone interested in an afternoon of chatter while our needles are clicking, is welcome.

Madill United Church

Doris Monahan

Madill United Church held its Annual Service on Sunday, July 17, 2016. The Rev. Donna Bowman-Woodall led the service. There were about thirty-five people in attendance. A time of fellowship and refreshments was held outside on the lawn following the service.

In the spring, three gentlemen with contracting backgrounds met with some of the Trustees to talk about the condition of the church building. One of the gentlemen had previous experience with log buildings and restoration. They informed us that the church was in need of major work in order for us to continue using it. An engineer was also consulted, and his advice was much the same. They did send an estimate of restoring the church to its former state.

Although Presbytery has agreed to deconsecrate the church and then have it demolished, members of the community have come forward with offers to raise money and help with restoration. The Heritage Committee of the Town of Huntsville has been very helpful to the Trustees, and the Huntsville Historical Committee has offered suggestions. Therefore, the Trustees are waiting for Living Waters Presbytery's assurance that if the money could be raised for restoration they would assure that the church would be maintained for a number of years.

Trustees of Madill United Church are Joanne Purchase, Allen Spiers, Paul Stephen – Secretary/Treasurer, Carol Stevens and Doris Monahan – Chair.



Ministry & Personnel Committee

Pat Allinson

Members of this Committee are: Julie Brushey, Judy White, Jocelyn Wing and Pat Allinson (Chair).

Our Committee held meetings in March, May, October and December 2016, with all members attending each meeting.

The purpose of the Ministry & Personnel Committee is to provide a confidential setting for support, consultations and assessment of all persons employed by our pastoral charge.

The staff members at our church are Rev. Derek Shelly; Music Director, Johnny Langille; Custodian, Wayne Stahls; Office Administrator, Suzy Simson; Youth Coordinator, Kate Boyko; and Treasurer, Bill Corrigan.

Each committee member is assigned to a staff member to be their personal connection to the committee, congregation, council, or other staff. This system works very well, especially when determining possible changes or issues of a more personal nature. This is a committee that genuinely

seeks the best working environment for each staff person, as well as being a conduit for improvement in any areas deemed necessary.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Kate Boyko as our Youth Coordinator. Kate's work with Trinity youth has been thoughtful and creative, and we particularly appreciate her commitment to the group of young people currently studying for Confirmation. Kate is leaving in order to have more flexibility with her family schedule, and promises her family will remain very active at Trinity. We wish to thank Kate for her enthusiasm and dedication, which will be greatly missed.

The Ministry & Personnel Committee served refreshments for the month of March followed by preparing and serving Communion in April.

The committee spent many exciting hours planning and carrying out the Italian Dinner Fundraiser in conjunction with the Finance Committee's Silent Auction in June. Sonny Allinson became an honorary member of the committee for planning purposes, and we were assisted by three chefs and ten servers. We believe the attendees had a very enjoyable meal and evening, and, along with the Finance Committee, the amount of \$3,324 was raised. A heartfelt thanks went out to everyone who helped make the evening a success.

Our thanks, as ever, to Bob Attfield, who steps in to cover for Johnny when needed. We are a congregation blessed by multiple musically-talented folks, and as a result our Choir and congregation don't miss a "beat" when Johnny is on his scheduled vacation or has to miss a Sunday.

Thank you again to all the staff for their service. We have a wonderful, gracious team of people who treat Trinity as their second home. We remain convinced this team is part of the reason so many visitors and new persons in the congregation find Trinity a happy, welcoming community of faith.

The M & P Committee is saying goodbye to Jocelyn Wing who is completing her term with the committee. Jocelyn's very busy young daughters and energetic family life have not kept Jocelyn from being at every meeting, Sunday refreshments, Communion and the Italian Dinner. We will miss you!

Julie Brushey is also leaving this committee, having completed a three-year term. Julie has guided me through this first year as Chair with amazing patience and knowledge. Julie's depth of commitment to and knowledge of so many important matters about Trinity has saved me many hours of research. We will all miss Julie and thank her for her years of service on M & P.

As we move into this new congregational year at Trinity, Judy White and I look forward to meeting the new members who will be joining us on this Committee.



Outreach Committee

Diane Schamehorn

In 2016, changes were made to the members of the Outreach Committee. In the fall, we sadly accepted the resignation of Faye McKnight, who was finishing her second of a three-year term with the committee. Also on the committee are Bonnie Gaughan, Doris Monahan, Sylvia Leeder, and Carole Walsh, along with our overseer Derek Shelly. I would like to thank the committee members, past and present, for all the energy and assistance that has been provided.

We held several meetings during the year, and had many open communications by email, over different matters that had come up, or just to share information.

Mission and Service did not get much publicity in 2016, but it is to be hoped it will get more in the months to come.

Some of our projects were as follows:

1. To provide Fresco food vouchers to needy members of our community. \$400.00 a month was spent on the vouchers. The need in our town is so great, but it was being abused by some individuals. This has been discontinued, as we felt that we could better assist the community by channelling the money to organizations better able to handle it. Starting in 2017, the vouchers will be discontinued, and the \$400.00 will be made available to four projects: Chrysalis Women's Shelter, Table Soup Bank, the Men's Shelter, and \$100.00 will be left with the church office to be used at the discretion of the minister.
2. We assisted individuals and families as requested by Chrysalis House.
3. Camp Sunday was held in the spring. A total of \$931.29 was in the account, from which we were able to assist with camp fees for one family with two children.
4. We assisted two families who returned to Huntsville from Fort McMurray. Each family was given a \$65.00 voucher from Walmart.
5. A bus ticket was given to a young man at Christmas time.
6. During the month of October, coats, hats, mitts, and socks were collected from members of the church family, and these were distributed at the Table Soup Kitchen dinner on the first Monday of November. We also collected white gift cards, to be given out in December. We were able to assist forty families with gift cards or food vouchers for Christmas.
7. Other needy people were given assistance as the need arose.
8. Cards were sent out to the Trinity congregation: Sympathy (18) Get Well (20) Thinking of you (5) Christmas (8) Thank you (7) Miscellaneous (2)

Thank you to everyone who supported and gave so generously to the Benevolent Basket, items of warm clothing, gift cards and attended our Annual Camp Luncheon.

The Outreach Committee is an umbrella for various activities in the church. You will find their separate reports elsewhere in this Annual Report.



Huntsville's Syrian Family

Carole Walsh

On October 31st, 2016, we received email confirmation that Huntsville's sponsored family was approved. Jamal, Faeza and their five children under the age of eleven, flew from Istanbul on November 29th, arriving in Huntsville around midnight. They had been travelling and had no sleep for two days.

Since then their days have been full. The SRS Committee knew that there would be a lot to do, but the number of things that needed to be done has been surprising to all.

Some things from the 'to do' list that have been completed are

- Introduction to grocery shopping (they are now doing it on their own)
- Open a bank account and explain debit cards
- Register for OHIP
- School registration
- Language assessment for the whole family arranged
- Bowling (even the 2-year-old played) fun for all!
- Library orientation, cards and bilingual books borrowed
- Trip to Barrie for parent's language assessment, and then on to Toronto to meet with Immigration and complete forms
- Haircuts
- Learning how to make SNOWBALLS
- Shopping for school shoes, lunch kits, etc.
- Cell phone for Jamal
- Applied for child tax credit
- Dentist appointments
- Eye test appointments
- Doctor appointments
- Arranging interpretation for appointments
- Arranging babysitting volunteers when necessary
- Started school December 12th
- Swimming lessons for children
- Art camp for children during Christmas break.

There is so much more....it has been truly amazing. Through it all the family has remained happy, upbeat and engaged. We really are blessed to have them in our community. We will all be richer for it.

Property Committee

Frank Reidl

The purpose of the Property Committee is to keep the day to day maintenance operations of the church running smoothly to the best of the ability of its members. When jobs are beyond our expertise we hire professional people to carry them out. For 2016, the committee consisted of Frank Reidl, Maurice Mc Gill, Douglas Hicks, Bob Monahan, David Beaudry, Sharon Webster and John Verbeek. The Property Committee was newly formed in 2014, after splitting from the Finance Committee. Three of the originals made it to the end of the first three-year term. At this time, I would like to tip my hat and thank all the Property Committee members for giving unselfishly of their time and talent to keep Trinity running smoothly.

Sadly, John Verbeek passed away this December.

For the year of 2016, the Property Committee was busy trying to find out why there was high water consumption at Trinity. Various adjustments were made to the toilets to get them to perform properly. The committee performs many regular maintenance duties such as repairing the toilet paper holders when they are pulled out of the wall. We also rented a carpet cleaner and cleaned the rugs. A suggestion box was made and installed in the West Street hall. The drain outside the youth room was repaired after being plugged up. New vinyl flooring was purchased and installed in the Youth Room. Downstairs, the Board Room received a new coat of paint. The walls in the hallway were also painted, which made the downstairs much more attractive. Some of the lights were replaced with LED bulbs. In May, a spring cleanup was conducted outside, where the lawn was repaired from the snow plough damage. The lawn was raked, and the downspouts of the eaves troughs were reattached to the building. The English ivy that grew at the Manse was removed. Wooden covers were made to hide the old opening of the lights in the Sanctuary and were installed after the electrical company had made the final adjustments of the new LED lights.



The Property Committee always has a “to do” list. For the year 2017, the steeple needs to be repaired. The snow guards need to be replaced, and the handicap sidewalk needs to be repaired. The committee would like to thank the Arnolds, who took on the painting jobs in the basement. I would like to thank Gord Booker for his electrical help.

Souper Sandwich Lunch

Nancy Waxl

In 2016, we were able to contribute \$4,000. to Special Fundraising, an increase from our 2015 contribution. The extra catering was from a Meals on Wheels Luncheon, a Spruce Glen Professional Development Day Luncheon, and an Presbytery Intern Luncheon. Our Convenors want to thank all our volunteers who donated soup, dessert, their time in the kitchen and setting up every month from September to May. We also thank YOU and your friends for coming out to eat!



We are always pleased to have new people on our list of helpers in the above categories.

Community members are very visible and some take advantage of our ‘take-out’ service. Chili has been popular during the fall and winter months.

Our present teams are very enthusiastic about helping, so if you have a positive attitude and willing heart, we welcome you with open arms. We celebrated our 20th year in operation, and now look forward to a celebration before May to commemorate Canada’s 150th!

Spirit Café

Derek Shelly

Once a month (the first Wednesday) a group of us gather at Soul Sistas on West Road for Spirit Café. It is a very informal group to which anyone is welcome. Topics of discussion for the next month are decided by the group at the end of each session. There may or may not be a sense of continuity to the topics, rather topics represent the wishes and needs of the group.

Topics have included “saintliness” and “spiritual stepping stones”, and “love”. Even though the topics may start out seeming quite broad, it usually isn’t long before they become very specific and as personal as the speaker should choose.

It is the intent that Spirit Café offers a ‘safe’ space for us to explore our understanding and thoughts on the topic at hand. We are quite particular that only one person speaks at a time so that all others are listening and respectful.



Each session begins at 7 pm and ends at 8:30. Everyone is welcome.

The Table Soup Kitchen in Trinity Hall

Justine McDonnell

During the past year, the Table Soup Kitchen volunteers have prepared and served 2,084 dinners to guests. 131 dinners were served to children and youth. Each Monday evening a Table Soup Kitchen dinner is served, using Trinity’s kitchen and Trinity Hall. Dinner preparation starts at about 2:00 p.m., complemented by six to ten volunteers who arrive at 4:00 p.m. to set up, help prepare, serve, wash dishes and clean up after dinner. The Table Soup Kitchen is extremely grateful to Trinity’s congregation for the use of your kitchen and hall, going into the seventh year.

The Table Soup Kitchen would like to again thank all the ongoing generous supporters who have donated food to the dinner programme: Trinity’s UCW, Sunday morning coffee groups, Fellowship Committee, Fran Mitchell, Lyla and Ken Deer, Joyce White, many congregation members, groups and friends whose names I forgot to record. Thank you again to all our community members who give, and give without question to the soup kitchen: Henrietta’s Pine Bakery, Kawartha Dairy, Muskoka Roastery Coffee, Tall Trees, Deerhurst, Schat Bakery, Tawingo, Camp Rahma, Probus, Camp Big Canoe, the Port Sydney Turkey Dinner, and many more.

Therapeutic Touch

Shirley Boon

Therapeutic Touch® is a holistic evidence-based therapy that incorporates the intentional and compassionate use of universal energy to promote balance and well-being.

THERAPEUTIC TOUCH WORKS!

Research and clinical experience have shown its effectiveness in promoting a relaxation response, reducing anxiety and stress, managing pain, improving sleep, facilitating the body's natural restorative process, and fostering a sense of well-being.

In 2016, six to ten Therapeutic Touch (TT) practitioners and up to five guests gathered in the Hearth Room at Trinity, once a month, to give and receive TT sessions and to share knowledge and experiences of Therapeutic Touch.

The TT practitioners, including Shirley Boon and Chris Wall from Trinity, are part of the Huntsville Branch of the Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario (TTNO). Our guests include both Trinity members and others from the community.

Our meeting purpose is two-fold. 1) We invite anyone to come to receive a free Therapeutic Touch session from experienced TT practitioners and learn about this modality. 2) Practitioners, who have taken formal Therapeutic Touch training from teachers recognized by the TTNO, come to give and receive a TT session and to share their Therapeutic Touch experiences and continue their learning of this modality.

Shirley, a Recognized Teacher with the TTNO, taught the three basic levels of Therapeutic Touch at Trinity in the spring of 2016. Many Trinity members have taken Therapeutic Touch training over the last fifteen years.

We plan to continue holding these monthly Therapeutic Touch meetings at Trinity in 2017, and will continue to encourage folks to come for a free TT session.

Shirley plans to teach TT classes here again in the spring of 2017.

Trustee Report

Murray Arnold

In 2016 your Trustee Committee consisted of the following: Murray Arnold, Chair, Julie Brushey, Alastair Dunlop, Ross Gilbert, Diane Litchfield, Bryan MacKenzie, Paul Stephen, Nancy Waxl and Rev. Derek Shelly.

In my report last year, I stated that I hoped that 2016 would be a quieter year for the Trustees, and I am pleased to say that has been the case.

Our manse was refurbished and upgraded by the SRS committee and their volunteers, with a new kitchen, with a fence in the back and beautiful donated furniture, ready for the arrival of the Syrian refugees. Unfortunately, due to government delays and procedures, our family did not come until the end of November, so the Trustees agreed with the SRS group to reduce the rent during 2016 until the family arrived. They are now in the house, and the rent is back to the negotiated amount for one year from December 2016.

In 2016 the Trustees were advised that the Concert Association of Huntsville would be winding down their operation and that Trinity would be the recipient of the Grand piano in the sanctuary, the staging

platforms, and \$1650 in cash to be used for the ongoing maintenance of the piano. These funds are currently in the Trustee accounts for disposition as required. In a letter to Martina Schroer, I expressed the thanks and gratitude of Trustees and members of Trinity and that we would be honoured to carry on the legacy of the Concert Association of Huntsville through these gifts.

As mentioned in my last report a lawsuit was initiated against the church, launched by the family of an elderly woman who fell on the steps during a summer concert. I am pleased to advise that this suit has been settled out of court for much less than the originally requested amount, and all costs have been covered by the insurance company, with no out-of-pocket expense to Trinity.

In 2016 the Trustees initiated a Legacy Giving information program to advise Trinity members about the various ways they could remember and support Trinity as part of their estate. This information was conveyed via information brochures in the pew racks in the Sanctuary, information on our web site, and a personal message during a Stewardship service a couple of months ago. The Trustees encourage you to give serious consideration to the use of these instruments to help Trinity carry on the work that has been part of this community for well over 100 years.

I would like to thank all the members of the Trustee Committee for their support in 2016, especially our Trustee Treasurer, Ross Gilbert, who has been diligent in the preparation and monitoring of the Trustee finances, including the Deep Roots program that was administered through the Trustee accounts.

Here's hoping 2017 will be as quiet and productive as the last year.

Trinity United Church Women

Connie Goold

For Trinity UCW, 2016 has been a year of many changes. As members age, we find our membership numbers decreasing. Average attendance at our meetings is eighteen. However, our loyal members are faithful about sending in contributions to support our work. Thank you!

In December, we sadly said goodbye to Lori Sild as our Social Convenor. Her ability to remain calm in any catering situation will be missed. Nancy Waxl and Justine McDonnell will replace Lori as Co-Convenors (it takes two to replace Lori!).

Ann Semadeni is missing from her role as Flower Fund Convenor. She was faithful in sending cards of good wishes, and flowers. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ann and her family. Deanna McKee has volunteered to assume this role. Thank you, Deanna!

In September, we held our last annual Seely Card Party. Card players are aging too!

At our April meeting we were enlightened by Gord Mitchell and his trip to Honduras. We did not meet in January and March, and no meetings were held in the summer.



Usually we enjoy three Pot luck meetings in the year, but this year eighteen members enjoyed a lunch at Boston Pizza in June. For our September Pot Luck meeting, we invited the Lake of Bays UCW. Our program was highlights of Connie and Russ Goold's European river cruise, as a PowerPoint presentation. December was another opportunity for fellowship and fun over a Pot luck luncheon.

Annually, our fund raisers are catering, funeral receptions, and the annual Frosty Fair. Some of the catering events included St Patrick's Day held after Church; Meeting Place in April; Presbytery dinner in June; lacrosse dinner in July; Music Men afterglow reception in August; and Masonic dinner in November (four days after the Frosty Fair!!) These catering events require a lot of work. Members are asked to bake or work in the kitchen. As our membership shrinks we applaud the faithful who come to help in the kitchen. Thank You!

As the congregation knows, UCW could not accomplish the success of our Frosty Fair without the support of all who offer people-power, baked goods and crafts. Kudos to the Knitting group who donated many lovely items! Thank You!

This year our fund raising allowed us to give \$6,705 to Trinity and \$3,000 to the Mission and Service fund. As the UCW Financial Report shows, there are several other charitable organizations we support. The Leprosy Mission is of particular interest to us, and thanks to the free-will offering received from the congregation at World Leprosy and the annual Auction for Leprosy, and donations from our members, we donated \$739 to the Canadian Leprosy Mission project effect: hope.

Through the very generous donation of one of the members of our congregation, UCW has a reserve fund for kitchen appliance replacement. As the appliances are on good behaviour lately, we have decided to make a few alterations to the kitchen. Stay tuned for further details. This time no \$\$ required - just time and talents of handy members!

Anyone who would like to join us for Christian fellowship and fun, we would welcome you with open arms!

Just a thought.....

'We cannot all be stars but we can all TWINKLE!' - Anonymous

Funeral Reception Report

Nancy Waxl

In 2016, the UCW catered to eleven funerals - a decrease from 2015. Three were members of our church. A sum of \$3750.00 was given to our UCW Treasurer. This service to the bereaved families is very much appreciated.

At the moment, our UCW members supply squares/cookies etc. so we are able to keep a freezer supply of such on hand for catering. We do appreciate the cooperation of Trinity members in donating sandwiches when called, and acknowledge their generosity with heartfelt THANKS!

The members of this Committee are: Trudy Craig, Diane Schamehorn, Pat Mattice, Chris Wall and myself. Extra helpers during the year were Connie Goold, Lynn McGregor, Deanna McKee and Shirley Woodard. THANK YOU!

Living Waters UCW Presbyterial

Nancy Waxl

Our Annual Meeting was held on Monday, April 18, 2016 at Stouffville United Church. The theme was "Exploring our Environment", with guest speaker Joy Kennedy, member of the CCC Justice Committee.

Some of us attended Toronto Conference UCW Annual Meeting at St. Paul's United in Brampton on May 3-4th.

The Camp Big Canoe Meeting was held on June 20th, with approximately thirty-five people attending. It was nice to see new faces from Muskoka at this meeting. Lots of mosquitoes made our walking tour faster than usual! They will be planning a big 50th celebration next year.

Our September meeting was held at Mount Albert, with a speaker from Canadian Food Grains Bank (CFGB), who is a member of Northern Waters UCW Presbyterial. The theme was "Exploring our Agricultural and Humanitarian Efforts." This is always a special meeting, as we have our "Annual Market Place". Members bring baked goods, crafts etc to be sold, with proceeds going to different causes. We all left with a better understanding of the humanitarian work of the CFGB, and in particular, three of their programmes in Nicaragua.

1. Soil Improvement: where farmers are taught to build up the soil depleted by overuse and the overuse of chemicals.
2. Nutrition Increase: training local women to go to area villages and educate how to add nutrition to family diets, cooking classes, and classes for pregnant/nursing moms.
3. Purchasing Land Banks: whereby this group buys up acreage and sells approximately one acre of land, at reasonable price (loaned), to would-be farmers, who have five years to pay back the loan; are taught good farming practices; must build a home & have water filtration; no open-air cooking; and women are given pigs and chickens for income improvement. This program is part of our Mission and Service.

Our last meeting of the year was held at St. Andrew's United in Markham on November 28th -Exploring Advent and Christmas." Our guest speaker was author/cook Moira Sanders, who demonstrated the making of Christmas hors d'oeuvres, and we all tasted her efforts. She had her cookbooks ("Tasting the Season") available to purchase.

It is always a pleasure to bring back news of our meetings and newsy "goings-on" to hopefully interest new members to join us for future outings.

Worship Committee

Kim Lambert

Serving on your Worship Committee this past year were Kate Boyko, Susan Brenciaglia, Sue Hicks, Kim Lambert and Al Taylor. Derek Shelly and Johnny Langille were essential ex officio members. We had seven meetings during the year, one of which was successfully carried out through email.

The Worship Committee is expected to encourage the people of God to gather regularly for worship and to make the act of worship central to the life of the congregation. Obviously, the few people in the Worship Committee, even with the regular assistance of John Brenciaglia and Nadya Tarasof, act primarily as a catalyst in accomplishing this mission. The ultimate responsibility belongs to you, each of you who have made worship at Trinity United a meaningful experience. To all of you, a very sincere 'thank you'.

Holy Communion was held eight times in calendar 2016, with an average of 126 persons taking part, compared with ten services in 2015 with an average of 128 persons. Least number served in 2016 was 88 persons on February 14th. The largest number was on June 5th, with 148 persons. Consideration was given by Council to reducing the number of Communion services, but this was rejected.

I highlight here some responsibilities of the Worship Committee because you who carry them out create an environment that encourages us and welcomes us to experience God.

- The Greeters who welcome us each Sunday, and the Ushers who help us to worship through our offerings;
- Sue Hicks and Judy Hall who prepare the Communion service, and those members of different Committees who serve the elements and tidy up afterwards;
- The gifted musicians and instrumentalists, Johnny and our Trinity Choir, Rob Attfield and Brian Smith, our guest artists – all of whom interpret for us a God experience;
- The dedicated people who decorate the Sanctuary and make and hang the special banners marking Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent and other special occasions in the Christian year;
- Sharon Webster and her many enthusiastic musical helpers who successfully raise funds for the church;
- Joanne Purchase, Chair of Council, who organized several special services and produced them with the assistance of many Council members and other volunteers;
- Finally, the inspiring messages of Derek Shelly, his inclusiveness and open welcome to all of God's people, helps us to realize 'we are not alone, we live in God's world.'

It's been an honour for me to serve on the Worship Committee these past three years, and to be its Chair for the past two years. I have found you to be a very responsive and dedicated group of people. My heartfelt thanks to each of you for your contributions to our work.



Yet again the choir wraps up another prosperous year, full of rejoicing in song and spirit. We are very thankful for our newest members, Chuck and Sally McClelland, who joined us from Richmond Hill United Church.

The choir is once again in the custom of performing two cantatas at Easter and Christmas, in addition to weekly anthems. The quality and desire of the choir to learn is unyielding. They keep me on my toes.

Special thanks to Bob Attfield for filling in, Johanna Dunlop for her many hours of clerical work, and Doug Hicks as President. Thank you to Edie Stroud for many years as Treasurer.

As always, a warm shout out to the congregation, who is as gracious as they were nearly twenty years ago.



Nominating Committee Report

Lynda Baker

Committee: Joanne Purchase, Doris Monahan, Lynda Baker and Rev. Derek Shelly

Retiring Council Members

The following Council Members are retiring:

Bryan MacKenzie; Doug Hicks; Faye McKnight; Fran Mitchell; Frank Reidl; Jocelyn Wing; Julie Brushey; Justine McDonnell; Kim Lambert; Lynda Baker; Susan Brenciaglia; Susan Brown; Zelda Dwyer.

Sadly, John Verbeek passed away during 2016.

Cate Elliot moved away from Huntsville during 2016.

Sue Hicks stepped down during 2016, and is currently on a committee that prepares the elements for Communion.

The skills and leadership shared by all of these individuals are much appreciated by Trinity, and we are grateful for their service.

Nominations

The following people have agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination to a first three-year term as Council Members:

Janice Elliott, Ed Behm, Judy Hall, Chuck McClelland, Darcy Dingle, Linda Martin, Ethel Robinson, Lynn Smith, Lynda Arnold, Gord Mitchell, Wayne Witney, Lynne Thompson, Sheila Petch, Ellen Pickering, Eva Black

The following Council Members have agreed to allow their names to stand in nomination to a second consecutive three-year term:

Jen Nicholson, Kim Healey, Bob Monahan.

We thank Sandra Kirkwood, who has agreed to continue in her position as the Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING – TRINITY UNITED CHURCH Huntsville

February 7, 2016

Lynda Arnold thanked Alastair Dunlop for once again capturing the essence of Trinity in the '2015 Year in Review' shown this year on a wonderful new screen, thanks to the generosity of the family of Lorne Munce. Lynda then called to the meeting to order and asked Rev. Derek Shelly to open it with a prayer. There were 80 people in attendance.

MOTION 1 – Judy Hall/Connie Goold

That the Dorothy Russell be appointed as Secretary ...carried.

MOTION 2 – Nadya Tarasoff/Jane Booker

That adherents be granted voting privileges ...carried.

MOTION 3 – Lynn McGregor/Johnny Langille

That the proposed agenda be adopted ...carried.

MOTION 4 – Doug Hicks/Shirley Boon

That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 8, 2015 on Pages 25/26 be adopted as presented ...carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – None

Lynda Arnold thanked Lynda Baker and the Communication Committee for all their hard work producing and all those who submitted material for the Annual Report.

MOTION 5 – Kim Lambert/Julie Brushey

That the Annual Reports for 2015 (with the exception of Trustees, Madill Church, Financial Report/Budget, Nominating Committee and Mission & Vision Statements) be received with the following corrections and additions – Page 9 add Judy White's name to the Deep Roots Committee, Page 20 Funeral Report \$4,850 was received not \$4,255 as reported & the Choir Report added as distributed.... carried.

Murray Arnold thanked Ross Gilbert for all his work with both the Memorial fund and the Deep Roots – New Growth fund as Trustee Treasurer.

MOTION 6 – Murray Arnold/Paul Stephen

That the Annual Report & Financial Report of the Board of Trustees as printed on Page 10, 23 and 24 be accepted as presented ...carried.

MOTION 7 – Murray Arnold/Julie Brushey

That the resignation of Georgina Gregory from the Board of Trustees be accepted ...carried.

MOTION 8 – Murray Arnold/Doris Monahan

That Bryan MacKenzie and Nancy Waxl be appointed to the Board of Trustees ...carried.

MOTION 9 – Doris Monahan/Paul Stephen

That the Annual Report of the Madill Church on Page 12 be accepted as presented ...carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Will Gibson thanked all who helped make 2015 a financially successful year with special thanks to the UCW for their exceptional contribution. As a result, the 2016 M & S contribution will revert to its original amount, as will the funds for Outreach and \$5,000 will be available for Member Care.

MOTION 10 – Will Gibson/Johnny Langille

That the Notice to Reader on Page 27 re Trinity's Balance & Income Statement for year ending December 31, 2014 be accepted with the addition of Bill Corrigan's name ...carried.

MOTION 11 – Will Gibson/Doug Farrar

That the Financial Statements for year ending December 31, 2015 on Page 28 - 31 be accepted as presented ...carried.

MOTION 12 – Will Gibson/Doug Hicks

That the budget proposed for 2016 on Page 29 - 31 be adopted as presented ...carried

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Sheila Petch read the report for the Nomination Committee removing Joan Behm's name. Lynda Arnold called for nominations from the floor but there were none.

MOTION 13 – Sheila Petch/Bryan MacKenzie

That the Nominating Committee Report on Page 25 be adopted ...carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trinity's application for a Toronto Conference Property Renovation Fund grant for the accessible washroom has been approved in the amount of \$5,000, the max available.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION 14 – Julie Brushey/Joan Behm

That the Mission & Vision Statements on Page 9 be approved as presented ...carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Snowshoe/walk/hot dog/hot chocolate Fund Raiser – Behm's to Brushey's is this afternoon at 2pm.
- May 28, 2016 – Meg Jordan and Linda Newnham will be ordained in Midland.

On behalf of the congregation, Linda Martin, recognized each staff member – Derek, Johnny, Suzy, Kate, Bill and Wayne and thanked them for their continued good work and dedication to Trinity.

Joanne Purchase thanked outgoing Council Chair, Lynda Arnold, for her dedication and conscientious leadership over the past three years. Her service to Trinity is deeply appreciated.

Jane Booker moved to adjourn the meeting.