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**2014 ANNUAL REPORT**

## STAFF 2014

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## “Finding Church”: Minister’s Annual Report 2014

In this Annual Report, you’ll see Trinity’s life defined as worship, as music, or as fellowship. Maybe as learning, or as service.

For some of us, church is a social network and a community of acceptance. For others, church is a way to love and be loved, to celebrate life, and to give back. For some of us it’s about exactly what we believe, for others it’s centred in how we embody compassion.

--You may notice that I haven’t actually mentioned God, yet! Because even in church, we have some fundamental differences about what we mean when we invoke the name of God. Is faith in God ultimately a creedal matter—that we say the right things, use the right words? Because for some of us, the word “God” is more verb than it is noun—it’s being about the work of love-in-action. For some of us, God is more warm feeling than cold fact—God is an underlying force, an essential connection, a poetic apprehension of life’s mystery.

So what is “Church”? Well, it depends who you ask. To join a church, the path used to be: (1) believe, (2) behave, (3) belong. These three criteria were a kind of progressive filter—if you passed each test, you graduated towards full church membership. “You believe the right things, you behave yourself ... Alright then, I guess we’ll have you!”

Nowadays, a new definition is emerging: (1) belong, (2) behave, (3) believe. At our best, we automatically include people in the life of our community, encouraging them along the way towards the richness of the Christian story, and

the many ways we try to live out our beliefs. “You belong here, share our living and discover what’s at its centre.”

This is the open-hearted approach of Jesus said “Whoever is not against us is with us.” Who said, “Come and see.” Jesus embraced people without question, steering them towards an encounter with God’s love, challenging and comforting them with God’s presence.

Many churches tell people, “come to our church, and find a caring community.” Here at Trinity, people encounter something deeper: “come into this caring community, and find church.”

Thank you for another year of that finding,



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## Designated Lay Minister's Report

Martin Luther King Jr., 20th century

"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

I have been incredibly moved by the gracious and generous way that so many of you offer your gifts to the many ministries at Trinity! Here are some of the ways that I have witnessed you serving with a heart full of grace: cuddling babies and having meaningful conversation with a new parent, serving coffee Sunday morning, washing dishes, setting up tables, sharing musical talents, knitting prayer shawls, sewing hats, mitts or bags for those in need, making phone calls or visiting folk who can't make it to church, teaching Sunday School, making sandwiches or decadent desserts, serving on a committee, driving people to church, making repairs, organizing the library, volunteering on a committee, serving communion, welcoming newcomers and so much more! Each day of the week, Trinity is an active and busy place – full of life and love. This is truly what makes Trinity what it is: a welcoming, warm, active place that so many in our community feel a part of.

The past year has been exciting, fulfilling and, of course, incredibly busy – which is the way we seem to roll at Trinity! Some of the most amazing things happen when a group of people get together to collaborate on a special project. In fact, many of the groups and events that have become a tradition around Trinity, were begun by a group of people saying: "I think we should..." or "Wouldn't it be great if we could..." Trinity folk are inspired, creative, faithful, active people who see a need and get to work fulfilling it.

I have enjoyed collaborating with a great number of people this year! I feel truly blessed to be part of a staff family that is dedicated, imaginative, caring and flexible. We are fortunate to be supported by a caring, dedicated, versatile, and talented community of faith. I have also enjoyed working with the Christian Education Committee who have offered support, wisdom, and

innovation in areas such as our Sunday School and Vacation Bible Camp programming, our Trinity family events, through our outreach ministries such as the launch of the Infant Food Shelf, Breakfast Program and Food Shelf and much more!

Some of the highlights of my year have been developing a VBC program along with Marcel MacDonald, Melissa Peddie and Ted Harrison, co-leading youth events such as the Right Relations Retreat and Good Friday Vigil, being part of the Mustard Seed production team, providing regular correspondence on our website and social media sites, working with Trinity Arts team connecting arts with faith in our community, attending continuing education events such as Neighbours Praising God, Mental health first aid at Nipissing and travelling to the Wild Goose Festival of faith, justice, music and art in North Carolina and working with a team of people to obtain a new sound system.

I thank each of you for your support and dedication throughout the year! Thank-you to all of you who have made Trinity a welcoming and busy place for people to connect with one another in faith, friendship and God's work in our world. Thank you for the many ways you serve the community with a "heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."

May the year ahead be filled with peace, love, laughter and God's grace.

~Lisa~

## Our Church Membership

### IN MEMORIAM

Robert Raymond George Jackson	February 9
John Gerald "Gerry" Scott	February 21
Ina Hannah Harrison	February 24
Rev Dr. Murray Arnill	April 14
Joan Hodder	May 26
Donald George Squires	May 31
Georgia Rachel Longstreet	May 31
Gordon Alderson	September 28
Helen Edith Ricker	September 29
Stephen Shisko	October 5
Thelma McNaughton	October 30
Stella Moseley-Williams	December 4
Howard Soule	December 4
Fred Bell	December 27

### BAPTISM

Jordan Teodoro Volbracht	January 8
Kyleigh Leggett-Belanger	May 11
Michael John Miller	May 11
Mariah Alice Allen	October 12
Kase William John Hocevar	October 12

### STATISTICS

Resident and non-resident membership as of December 31, 2013	486
Received by profession of faith	0
Received by transfer	1
Total received in 2014	1
Removed by death	6
Removed by session	0
Removed by unknown residency	0
Removed by transfer	0
Total Removed in 2014	6
Net loss	5
Resident and no-resident membership as of December 31, 2014	481
Non-Resident	124
Resident	357

Presbytery and Conference Dues are based on the resident memberships.

### MARRIAGES

Total	2
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### COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Baptisms	5	10	15	4	11	5
Marriages	10	4	13	9	6	2
Funerals	17	17	22	12	12	9

## From the Chairperson of the Official Board

Where has the Trinity year gone? It seems not that long ago that I was being sworn in as Board chair, and already it's time to relinquish that position. Once again we start a new year without a vice-chair; but, as happened last year, someone gets the nudge that they really can do it. Such was the case a year ago, when Roxanne Chartrand felt that little nudge that we often get and far too often ignore. I am sure that all past committee chairs and new committee chairs, as well as group representatives, join me in welcoming Roxanne.

It has been an exciting year as you will read as you go through this annual report. I congratulate all the chairs of the committees and the reps of our various groups that make up the Board. They are the ones, along with their fellow committee members that keep Trinity strong and vibrant. Please read and reread their reports with a sense of pride as they share their accomplishments.

I am sure there will be reports about the Year of Lear but I couldn't write this report without talking about King Lear; what a great outreach project from our Trinity Arts people. This project came up many times at Board meetings, and we are very excited for a successful year of Lear. The actors themselves have been the driving force in raising funds so as not to impact Trinity in any way. This is a world class performance that is being planned, that we will be part of and that is very exciting. Let's be part of making this project a success, by showing our support and our extreme optimism for the proud moments that will follow, especially for the actors. Let's all get our families and friends to come to a performance and brag about how we all helped and had a part in it. We can be happy with the visitors that will be here attending our church, and maybe we will see bigger rewards after the performers, the sets, and the fanfare is all finished.

I hope you enjoy this story from an unknown author, entitled;

How Rich Are We?

One day a father and his rich family took his son

on a trip to the country with the firm purpose to show him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night on the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" "Very good Dad!" "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Yeah!" "And what did you learn?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have a dog at home, and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden; they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden; they have the stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard; they have a whole horizon." When the little boy was finished, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how 'poor' we are!"

Isn't it true that it all depends on the way you look at things? If you have love, friends, family, health, good humor and a positive attitude towards life — you've got everything! You can't buy any of these things. You may have all the material possessions you can imagine, provisions for the future, etc.; but if you are poor of spirit, you have nothing!

Respectfully submitted,

John Sheridan

## Trinity Music – Annual Report

During 2014, our Trinity Senior and Junior Choirs have enjoyed providing music on a regular basis for weekly worship services and various other special church events during the year, such as services at local Long Term Care Facilities.

The Senior Choir has welcomed new members. We appreciate the support of the congregation as we learn to sing in a variety of styles.

We are grateful to the following instrumentalists who have enriched our music: Melissa Pajunen and Brenda McLay – piano and organ; Laura Farris and Amanda Silk – flute; Jennifer Hedican – violin; Marcel Macdonald, Victoria Wickett, Katherine Kennedy and Diana Lalonde – trumpet; Doug Nichol and Maggie Turgeon – french horn; Kevin Smith and Diana Lalonde – trombone; Rob Farris – tuba; Matthew Whitehead, Chris Clarke and Peggy Millar – percussion.

Choir practices are fun, and we always welcome new members. We enjoyed several “social times” to help build our choir community.

The Junior Choir, under the capable leadership of Peggy Millar, continues to grow. This enthusiastic group of 4-12 year olds loves to sing on their own, and with the Senior Choir. On Christmas Eve, they set the tone for our early service with a beautiful version of “Still, Still, Still”. Thank you for enriching our services.

Trinity’s newest music group is our bell choir, the “Joyful Bells”. Brenda McLay directs this very enthusiastic group, which made its musical debut in June. We also enjoyed their music twice during Advent services in December!

The J.O.Y. Community Concert Band, under the direction of Betty Farris and Neil Kennedy, enriched Trinity Sunday services during May and on Remembrance Sunday, November 9th. For a special afternoon concert on November 9th Trinity welcomed the community, as the J.O.Y. Band presented “Musical Memories of the War Years”. The concert included band selections, vocal solos, small ensembles, and sing-alongs, and was enjoyed by a large audience.

On December 14th (Advent III), our Senior and

Junior Choirs plus the J.O.Y. Band presented “Sweet Sounds of Christmas”. This concert was a wonderful afternoon of music for our church, and the North Bay community. Thank you to the many Trinity members who helped in any way with the organization, publicity and refreshments for this concert!

The Senior Choir presented a beautiful Christmas cantata, “Symbols of Adoration”, by composer Pepper Choplin, on December 21, (Advent IV). Both the choir and congregation enjoyed this uplifting musical, which was narrated by Lisa Blais and Rev. Ted.

Our Senior and Junior Choirs, the Joyful Bells and the J.O.Y. Band look forward to continuing their contribution to the musical life of Trinity Church!

Respectively submitted,  
Betty Farris,  
Minister of Music – Trinity United Church



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## Food Shelf Sub Committee

The Trinity Food Shelf is currently operating three programs: the Monday Food Shelf, the Breakfast Program, and the Infant Food Shelf on Wednesdays

### **MONDAY FOOD SHELF**

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Trinity's Food Shelf is fulfilling a huge need in the community. We average around 30 clients every Monday morning from 9:30-11. We offer them coffee and snacks while they wait for their food basket. We try to supply some type of fresh fruit or vegetables, like apples, oranges and potatoes or carrots on a weekly basis. We also have a new feature: item of the month, where we ask for donations of a specific food item each month.

There is a great group of volunteers, who without their help and dedication our foodshelf would not operate as smoothly as it does. Their names are as follows: Jim Liddell, Bill and Doris-Rae Brownlee, Rae Brownlee, Phyllis Chayer, Carol and Mike Bugo, Sharon McCrea, Alex Milne, Lynda Moseley-Williams, Sandi Rozicki, Shirley Myre, and Pat Sadler. Thank you for all you do.

Also there are many others who help out by doing shopping, unloading supplies and stocking cupboards. Thank you.

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM**

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A new project in 2014 for the Food Shelf is: The Breakfast Program at the Gathering Place. We sponsor Monday mornings from 9-10, averaging around 25-30 clients per week.

There is a great group of volunteers, who without their help and dedication this breakfast program would not work. Their names are: Rae Brownlee, Janice Brownlee, Jeanne Butchart, Sandy Foster, Sharon McCrea, Don and Jean Rideout, Pat Sadler, Marg Souter, and Shirley Tayler.

If you would like to volunteer for either of the above two programs please contact Jim Liddell or Roxanne Chartrand.

### **TRINITY INFANT FOOD SHELF**

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In the District of Nipissing there are hundreds of families with children under twelve months of age living in poverty. These small children within our communities do not have the necessities they need to live a healthy and fulfilling life and cannot help themselves. Collectively we believed at Trinity we could make a difference in the lives of those who really need our support by extending Trinity's Food Shelf and starting a program strictly for this population.

The Trinity Infant Food Shelf opened its doors in September 2014. It operates every Wednesday between 11:30 and 1:30 in the Sunday school room. Families can attend monthly to choose five items plus diapers and formula. The Food shelf operates only through donations and not government funding.

In less than six months we have assisted over 50 different families who have visited the program 211 times. We have provided more than 1500 different needs including diapers, baby food in jars and petro infant food packs, bottles, cereal, Mum Mums and baby cookies, Breast pads and cream, vitamin D, diaper cream, soothers, sippy cups, receiving blankets, carriage blankets, baby wash, cream and oil and a \$25 dollar certificate towards formula. In addition we offer a care closet with all kinds of clothing infants need including knit hats, gloves, sleepers to name just a few of the donations we have received. At the rate the demand for help is growing we estimate we will be assisting over a hundred families this year.

Most important we have wonderful volunteers who offer ears to listen, and voices to speak words of understanding and encouragement. Brenda Holbein, Sandy Haslam, Rae Brownlee, Marion Colquhoun, are the smiling faces that greet the families and provide an atmosphere of caring and acceptance. In addition to these wonderful ladies there have been knitters and sewers and donations of fabric turned magically into beautiful blankets and winter hats and mitts.



The response from the Trinity Community is amazing. Want to help? We accept donations of any of the items above or gift certificates for 25 dollars to purchase formula,

These are all ongoing ministries that need your support, please continue with your donations. Thank you.

Submitted by Linda McLay Sheridan, Roxanne Chartrand and Jim Liddell



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## Financial Statement for Food Shelf Operating Account 2014

	<b>2014</b>
Bank Balance. December 20, 2013	\$7,954.48
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>	
White Gift 2013	\$217.75
Thanksgiving 2013	\$917.15
From Youth	\$207.81
From Trinity. January 2014	\$817.00
UCW Christmas Party 2013	\$105.00
From Trinity. November 2014	\$1089.10
Donations.	\$950.00
UCW Donation.	\$300.00
UCW Christmas Party 2014	\$97.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,700.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
AOTS Cards	\$10,050.00
Cheques for Food (\$99.24 + \$143.29)	\$242.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,292.53</b>
<b>Bank Balance December 15, 2014</b>	<b>\$2,362.76</b>

Respectively submitted by Doris-Rae Brownlee

## Property and Grounds Committee

We have had a relatively quiet year in 2014, and I wish to thank all the Members of our Committee for their efforts to keep us ahead of any significant problems with our beautiful but aging building.

The winter was spent preparing some of the staging required for the “Lear Project”. Materials were purchased using the proceeds of our auction during the Christmas Reading. We have used the pieces of stage for many events this year.

Our only surprise was the discovery in June that the sinks in the Women’s washroom were not draining at all. We discovered that the main drain was completely corroded and would need to be replaced. Our plumber discovered that the only location for the new drain was across the floor from the sinks. He also discovered leaking toilets and it was decided to replace the floor as well as correct the plumbing. Thanks to all who helped, especially Don Rideout and Tony DePencier who did much of the carpentry work on the floor.

Donations helped us keep the cost of this project to a minimum.

Through a generous donation from the estate of Gerry Scott we were able to replace the exterior roof of the Narthex and also repair the inside ceiling as well. Outside contractors were required to complete these tasks as they were beyond our capabilities.

We are preparing for this coming year and plan to refurbish the Men’s Washroom, paint the AA room and hallways leading to it, install a new video security system, and it is probably time to have our Boilers looked at, as they are getting on in age.

As always, we look to the Congregation to keep an eye out for repairs that we can make throughout the year.

## Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Each Tuesday, throughout the school year, we meet for coffee, tea, fellowship and fun. This year we have enjoyed a wide variety of activities and topics such as group cooking, guest speakers, crafts, self-improvement, healthcare, and of course, laughing and eating together! We have covered the cost of running our program through our weekly fee, donations and our popular Fudge Fundraiser! We sincerely thank our caregivers Marcel MacDonald and Arlene O’Donnell for providing a fun, safe and stimulating environment for the children. The group has been led by Rebecca Riesen and we thank her for her leadership and commitment to the group. Our new group leader is Christine Kuehl. New women are always welcome to join us anytime. Look for our ad in the Gateway Advertiser each month or

pick up a seasonal schedule from the table outside the church office.

### INCOME

Program fees and donations	\$1,271.91
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### EXPENSES

Babysitters/supplies	\$1,276.14
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## Pastoral Care & Visiting

Our committee has had a very busy year. We have welcomed three new members, Ruth McKinnon, Bonnie Beam and Heather Shouse. We have teams who visit nursing homes, retirement homes and the hospital on a regular basis. We have also been taking turns doing home visits as needed. We regularly have communion services in the nursing homes and retirement homes during the Advent and Lenten seasons.

The Lenten services for 2015 are

Tuesday, March 3, 11 am at Barclay House  
Tuesday, March 24, 2:15 pm at Nipissing Manor  
Monday, March 30, 10 am at Empire Living

We would like to thank Rev. Ted, Betty Farris and members of the choir for their contribution to making these services special. The committee also looks after getting greeters for the Narthex on Sunday mornings.

When you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital please notify the church, Rev. Ted or a member of the Pastoral Care Committee. Also be sure to put Trinity as your home church.

The members of the committee with help from our congregation work hard to make Trinity a welcoming church.

Claudette Depencier 474-3209  
Noreen Brewer 474-3901  
Co-Chair Persons

### OVER 90 BIRTHDAY VISITING

We continue to enjoy our visits with these special seniors. To date they number sixteen of our congregational family.

If you are aware of anyone who will be entering this magic year, please let us know, we have no other way of knowing!!

Bill Brownlee prepares a newly designed card of greetings from Trinity each year and we would be saddened to miss anyone on their very own day of celebration.

Ann Clark 472-2312  
Ann Cann 495-2810



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## Youth and Young Adult Groups

The youth and young adult groups continue to be an active part of the life at Trinity. Trinity youth lead worship, teach Sunday School, help with Trinity projects, usher, greet, serve Communion and are always there to lend a hand when needed.

The Youth Group provides a major outreach project each Christmas. The Christmas Bag Outreach project provides between 120 – 150 Christmas bags for youth and adults in our community. These bags were delivered to North Bay Regional Health Centre for patients in the Mental Health Units as well as Long Term Care facility; Transition House; Crisis Centre; Futures Youth Residence, Nipissing Attendance Centre and the Christmas Day Dinner outreach. Thank-you to all the people who donated items and money to this wonderful outreach project! Special thanks to Don Rideout and Steve Hutchinson for helping to deliver the bags as well as Sharen Liddell, Shirley Thom, Ryan Rozicki, Shirley Myre, Jean Rideout, Cindy Brownlee, Anne Graham, and Rob Brownlee for all their help shopping, sewing, and packing. Thank-you also to the Ventures and their leaders and the I-DYG Youth who helped to pack the items as well.

Youth at Trinity participate in the activities of the North Bay Presbytery Youth programme led by

Marcel MacDonald, as well as the Inter-Denominational Youth Group (I-DYG) led by Lisa Blais (Trinity), Tracy Davis (St. Andrew's), and Jim Cluff (Calvin Presbyterian Church). In the spirit of fellowship and shared ministry the I-DYG leaders are working together to provide a program that will offer youth a chance to build community and grow in faith with other Christian youth in the North Bay area (and beyond). We averaged ten youth plus leaders at each meeting. Funding for the group is shared by the churches involved. The group has held many activities throughout the year: bowling, prayer vigil, nature hike, garden clean-up and bbq, a pizza social, Casselholme Service, and hosted a weekend Right Relations retreat at Spirit Point.

Special thanks to Jeff Mailloux, Sandra Brownlee, Marcel MacDonald, Brenda McLay, and Lori Hubbert who have provided leadership and support, and to Trinity's AOTS, as well as the Trinity, St. Andrew's and Calvin communities as a whole. We look forward to many more exciting events this upcoming year, including another retreat weekend!

### 2014

Opening balance	<b>\$562.85</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Calvin annual contribution	200.00
St. Andrews United Church	200.00
Trinity annual contribution	200.00
Balance of United Church Grant	1926.50
Calvin Donations	721.58
Retreat registration	240.00
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>3588.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Spirit Point Retreat Oct. 24-26, 2014	2249.20
Bank Service charges	23.40
Misc. expenses	138.18
<b>total expenses</b>	<b>2410.78</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>1740.15</b>

## Worship Committee Report

Committee Members: Rev. Dr. Ted Harrison, Gladys Banks-Bryer, Lynne Vokes-Leduc, Roxanne Chartrand, Marlene Little, Shirley Myre, Lisa O’Kane , Jean Rideout, Sandra Rozicki

Our committee meets with Rev. Ted to ensure that all areas of the worship service are carried out effectively. The Worship Committee is responsible for acquiring the Sunday custodian, ushers, lift operators, lay readers and supply ministers. We prepare the chancel for each service. We provide assistance to the UCW to prepare the Communion elements before each service. We schedule elders to serve Communion throughout the year. In addition, we assist with the Baptism services.

Our Minister of Music, Betty Farris, along with the choir, continue to share their love of music and enthusiasm weekly. One of the highlights of this year’s musical offerings was the Christmas Cantata entitled “Sweet Sounds of Christmas”. We wish to thank Betty for the commitment she brings each Sunday.

In May, the UCW led us in worship in Ted’s absence. In November, the AOTS led us in worship and song. In December, we again enjoyed the Sunday school’s Christmas production, entitled “Michael Mouse: A Christmas Story” as well as our annual “Longest Night Service”, a reflective service we share with St. Andrews United Church.

Under the direction of Nancy Dewar-Stenning, the sanctuary was once again transformed into the Christmas season. With her creative talents came the addition of a nativity scene, which was enjoyed by all. Our thanks also go out to Don and Jean Rideout, Noreen and Ross Brewer, Gladys Banks-Bryer and Ryan Rozicki for assisting in this endeavour.

After many years, Trinity has been blessed with a new sound system. We wish to thank Gerry Foster and his committee for their commitment to this project.

We are truly blessed to have Rev. Ted as our

minister. His messages are thought provoking, inspiring, innovative and appeal to all generations within the congregation. He challenges us to move forward in our own spiritual journey. We appreciate his leadership, wisdom and compassion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the congregation, for your willingness to carry out the necessary tasks to make our worship service run smoothly each week. This committee could not do its work without your dedication and commitment.

We would like to thank our committee members for their ongoing work and devotion. A very special thank you to Lisa O’Kane, who has worked tirelessly on this committee for the last five years. Lisa, you will be missed.

Respectfully submitted by Gladys Banks-Bryer and Lynne Vokes-Leduc



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## Ministry & Personnel Committee

M&P began the year with the appointment of Don Haslam as a new addition to our committee. The other committee members consisted of Brad Stenning and Linda Sheridan as co chairs, John Peddie, Anna Wright, Debby Brewer, and Pat Smith.

Our first challenge was to find a new treasurer to replace Peter Moseley-Williams. Our thanks is extended to Peter for continuing to do the tasks associated with the treasurers position until we could find a replacement. He also assisted the hiring committee by developing a very detailed job description for the treasurer position which was used as part of the criteria in looking at the candidates who had applied for the position. In June 2015 we were pleased to offer the position to Michelina Beam. Michelina comes to the treasurers position with a great deal of experience in non profits and our committee was very pleased to welcome her to our staff.

The second project M&P focused on in 2014 was the development of a set of guidelines to use when staff request a leave of absence and staff replacements are hired. A process was put in place where all staff and their replacements would be paid from ADP the payroll company set up by the United Church, to meet our obligations with payroll deductions and staff liability. Wanda did a great job of implementing the changes and made a presentation to M&P around ADP and

payroll so the committee had a greater understanding of the process.

The committee then focused on annual staff evaluations which were completed before December 31, 2014.

Ryan Rozicki our custodian had his hours extended by two hours per week from October to the end of April due to weather conditions and the wear and tear on the inside of building from salt and water that is tracked in.

Salaries were examined and a small increase to base salaries was recommended as well. In addition, we hosted our second annual staff appreciation dinner at the end of January in recognition of their ongoing commitment to Trinity and their outstanding work day in and day out. The upcoming year promises to be an exciting one for M&P and staff with the King Lear presentation and the many other community outreach projects planned,

Submitted by Linda Sheridan and  
Brad Stenning

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## Mustard Seed Annual Report

Mustard Seed was created in 2007 to provide opportunities for Christian youth to build community around a common love of theatre. We have presented Godspell, Creation, Cotton Patch Gospel, Free to Be...a family, Garden Varieties and Once Upon a Parable. This year's production was "Ultimate Superstar." Congratulations to the cast and crew of Mustard Seed's Ultimate Superstar on a fantastic run! Special thanks to Darlene Laferriere for her commitment and dedication to children's music and drama – she is truly a superstar! Thanks also to Brenda McLay for her wonderful music leadership, to Jim Liddell for his patient and flexible stage managing, to Caroline Harrison for her creative knack of making everyone look like a star and to Hannah McCallum for choreographing and leading all the amazing dances. Whole hearted thanks to the many people who volunteered their time in any way – at the risk of forgetting anyone: Marcel MacDonald, Chris Clarke,

Darren Summersby, Dave McKenney, Don Rideout, Bill Whalley, Blake and Michelina Beam, Bill and Doris-Rae Brownlee, Jeff Mailloux, Bonnie Beam, Rae Brownlee, Shirley Myre, Cindy Brownlee, Lori Butterfield, Cheryl Miller, Shalome MacNeill Cooper, Ryan Rozicki, Maurice Laporte, Anna Wright, Shirley Thom, Lynda Moseley-Williams, Ann Cann, Lisa Gibson, Geneva Thompson, Anne Graham and our patrons and supporters, Tee Lloyst, the Fosters and the Thom's – and in particular Trinity's AOTS and UCW.

The Mustard Seed Players in 2014 were: Nick Boegel, Colton Chaput, Clara Clark, Eve Harrison, Erin Harrison, Beatrice Lloyd, Hannah McCallum, Samantha Peddie, Josh Peddie, Abigail Sanders, Julia Whitehead, Maggie Wolfe and Shayla Wright.

## Mustard Seed Financial Report

### INCOME

UCW donation	\$200.00
AOTS donation	\$500.00
private donations	\$245.00
Heavenly Hosts Donation (for mixer)	\$422.54
Trinity Arts Donation (for mixer)	\$421.00
ticket sales	\$1220.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$3508.54</b>

### EXPENSES

props and costumes	\$286.00
T-shirts/costume	\$538.67
Hospitality	\$ 33.00
printing/programmes	\$ 115.00
Sound mixer	\$ 1263.68
Stage (Trinity Arts)	\$ 278.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2514.35</b>

## Presbytery Representatives Report

Our North Bay Presbytery includes representation from the United Churches in Sturgeon Falls, Redbridge, Mattawa, Rutherglen, Callander, Loring, Golden Valley, Restoule, Nipissing, Powassan, Trout Creek, South River, Sundridge, Magnetawan, Burks Falls, Katrine, Temiscaming and, of course, North Bay. Trinity United Church has three representatives (based on membership numbers), Janice Brownlee, Don Haslam and Eunice LaPorte. Ann Clark very generously fills in as an Alternate if and when required. Presbytery also includes all paid accountable ministry staff (Rev. Ted and Lisa Blais), retired members of the Ordered Ministry (Rev. Kathy) and up to 10 lay members at large. From our congregation, Bill Brownlee is a member at large. It should also be noted that Marcel MacDonald is the coordinator for the Youth Connecting with Youth initiative.

Presbytery has an Executive and four Standing Committees – Finance, Mission, Ministry Personnel and Education (MP&E) and, Nominating; these committees meet monthly (except July and August) and then report to the ‘full court’ that meets four times per year – typically September, November, February and April.

The work of Presbytery includes (but is not limited to): over-sight every three years of each Pastoral Charge, ensuring supervision of unstaffed churches, receiving Annual Reports and monitoring financial status, promoting Mission activities, approving closures and changes in staffing (appointments and settlements), licensing and education of Lay Worship Leaders, assisting with Joint Needs Assessments and, is a conduit of information to the Manitou Conference. Another primary role of Presbytery is to provide a forum for learning, networking and worshipping together. Presbytery is there as a support to the congregations providing assistance as requested.

Changes are occurring in churches/pastoral charges throughout the Presbytery as congregations struggle with decreased membership, changing demographics and financial issues and work towards new ways of

being church. The issues facing local congregations are the same issues facing the entire church. The comprehensive review initiated at the last General Council meeting was established to look at new ways of being the United Church. This work has been ongoing and recommendations will be presented to the General Council meeting in August 2015. An interim report was circulated early in 2014 and at the April meeting of North Bay Presbytery the report was discussed and a response formulated and forwarded to the Comprehensive Review Committee.

The Youth Connecting With Youth (YCWY) program has continued under the enthusiastic leadership of Marcel MacDonald. Events are offered on a monthly basis and attended by youth from across the Presbytery. The main host church for these events has been Chalmers in South River, however other churches have also had the opportunity to welcome the youth.

Kathi Smith continues as chair of Presbytery and Karen Gooch competently fulfills the duties of secretary.

Janice Brownlee serves as North Bay Presbytery lay representative to Conference Executive. As well she is Chair of the Conference Staff Committee.

It has been a very busy and productive year. We have reported our activities regularly to the Official Board and played host for presbytery meetings at Trinity. We are grateful to the women of the UCW for their support in providing delicious food for special occasions. Please feel free to chat with any one of us about our activities and involvement in Presbytery. Thank you for the opportunity to serve on your behalf once again.

Respectfully,  
Janice Brownlee, Presbytery Representatives

## Vacation Bible Camp

This past summer (August 18 -22nd) Trinity United Church went on a quest for adventure and discovered some of the Parables of the bible, with help from Nipissing Jones, Tommy Temagami and a few fearless leaders. Quest for Adventure was created and led by Marcel MacDonald, Melissa Peddie, Lisa Blais and our summer student Caitie Blumson. We were very fortunate to have outstanding leaders such as Hannah McCallum, Shannen Larocque, and Jennifer Hedican . A very special thanks to Janice Brownlee and Jean Mitchell for organizing the kitchen and to Rae Brownlee, Shirley Tayler, Jean Butchart, Shirley Myre, Claudette dePencier, Audrey Sullivan, Freda Conti, Frances Huard, and all the other people who popped in to lend a hand whenever needed. Thanks also to Rev. Ted Harrison, Rod Carley and Rob Sanders for their talents.

Vacation Bible Camp was attended by 47 children and 7 youth helpers. 13 children were able to attend on full camp scholarships thanks to generous donations. The \$50 fee included a camp t-shirt, as well as all snacks, lunches and materials for the full week. Thank-you to each and every one of you who volunteered time, donated money, and helped in any way to ensure our VBC was a success! We are looking forward to another fantastic VBC program this summer. Look for details in the Lenten Newsletter.

**INCOME**

from donations and registrations	\$1,972.06
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**EXPENSES**

honorariums and supplies	\$1,873.08
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## Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is entrusted with those matters related to the fixed and fiscal property of the Congregation in accordance with the United Church of Canada Manual.

In carrying out these responsibilities the Trustees ensure that the church building and its contents are adequately insured. An annual inventory of the church contents is conducted to confirm that our insurance coverage is both adequate and current. The Trustees also ensure that sufficient comprehensive insurance coverage is carried to protect the Congregation and the Staff against personal liability arising out of actual or alleged claims of negligence or damages.

The Trustees are also charged with the prudent investing of funds held in Trust on behalf of the Congregation. In 2014, Last Will and Testament bequests were received from Iris Scott, Gerry Scott, Rev. Dr. Murray Arnill and Helen Ricker. Some of the bequests contained “designated” funds which were assigned to specific church accounts as directed in the bequest. All "undesignated" funds are assigned to the Finance Committee for its unrestricted use however, in each case a conscious effort is made to acknowledge the generosity of the donor.

Gladys Banks-Bryer and Ross Brewer are retiring from the Board having completed their 5 year terms. Our thanks to Jean Mitchell, Jean Rideout and John Roberts who have agreed to serve along with; Bob Cooney, Jim Liddell, Ed Rose and Sandra Rozicki as your new Board of Trustees.

Submitted by Ross Brewer

## Sunday School

“Mom, I’m bored” Are words probably never heard from our Trinity kids. The children at Trinity are busy with so many wonderful activities. The Sunday school activities include singing, dance, drama, science, cooking, crafts, storytelling, games and more. When not in Sunday school our children can be involved in Mustard Seed productions, junior choir, vacation bible camp, Camp Lorrain and a multitude of activities with the Trinity families including; Santa Claus parade, downtown Christmas walk, visit to the pumpkin patch, outdoor backyard movie night and more. Just being part of the Trinity family means the children can either help or just enjoy the benefits of so many other awesome Trinity events such as; the Coldest Night of the Year walk, apple pie project, Heavenly Hosts concerts, dressing up on Halloween, soup tasting, chili night, church family picnic, luncheons, Christmas Tea and Bazaar etc.

Our Sunday school teaches approximately 35 children, although they are often not all out at the same time. We regularly have three classes at a time divided by age with junior congregation on special occasions. The nursery cares for around 8 children under the age of 3. We are very thankful for the reliable and loving care provided by our nursery caregiver, Alyssa Stanley and Carrie Graham.

This year we started using the Spark Curriculum, along with some lessons written by Lisa Blais. The Spark curriculum gives the teachers more options to choose from on how to teach the lesson so our wonderful volunteer teachers can select the option they feel most comfortable with. Our lessons covered Jonah, how to build a church, giving thanks, house on the rock, salt and light, Jesus walks on water, and the beatitudes. Our theme for rally back was fishing with Jesus. We also enjoyed other special celebrations such as Guide/Scout Sunday, teacher appreciation and the ever-popular Christmas Pageant.

Darlene Laferriere does an amazing job leading the children in singing each week and directing the Christmas Pageant. This year the pageant team also included the musical accompanying of Brenda McLay, costume coordination and creation by Caroline Harrison and producer Lisa

Blais. Special thanks to Hannah McCallum for her rehearsal assistance. Together, this team and the talented children of Trinity shared the Christmas story through the eyes of “Michael Mouse”.

Our Sunday School is successful because of all the people involved to make it work. Each teacher teaches for a three-week rotation. We would like each teacher to only have to teach one rotation per year, but we often don’t have enough teachers. With more teachers the commitment is less for everyone. If you, or someone you know would like to try teaching Sunday School, please let us know. If you are unsure, you can talk to anyone of these teachers and I am sure they would be happy to share with you how rewarding and enjoyable the experience is. Thank you very much to Michelina Beam, Cindy Strain, Melissa Peddie, John Sheridan, Linda McLay, Linsey Mutch, Caroline Harrison, Janice Brownlee, Sandra Brownlee, Phyllis Chayer, Diane Cook, Shannen McCoy, Karen Johnson, Jeff Mailloux, Ryan Rozicki, Jennifer Hedican, Cindy Brownlee and Lisa Blais.

We also appreciate the enthusiastic assistance of our Sunday School helpers; Carrie Graham, Eric Brownlee, Adrian Graham, Hannah Clark, Erin Vassbotn, Hannah McCallum and Chris Vega.

The Sunday School children collect their offering each week and it will be used to support Hope2Kenya, Packsack Smiles, Trinity Infant Food Shelf and the Mission and Service fund.

Thank you to, not only our awesome Sunday School volunteers, but the wider church family who always support, encourage and welcome the children in everything we do. Our children are not only the future of the church, they are the church.

Cindy Brownlee  
Sunday School Superintendent

## Trinity Arts

### Membership:

Our flexible membership has primarily included Nancy Dewar-Stenning, Darlene Laferriere, Rod Carley, Lisa Blais, Rev. Ted. Recently, the committee is thankful for the participation of Brad Stenning, Michelina Beam, Dave McKenney, Susan Tennant, and others.

### Mandate:

‘Using the many blessings of the Trinity church family to enrich life and faith through the arts.’

Trinity Arts was formed many years ago as a vehicle to enable the sharing and enrichment of the arts at Trinity, as a gift to our church and our wider North Bay community. “Trinity Arts” often made it possible for touring musicians to find a venue in North Bay. Events included organ recitals, concerts, visiting choirs, and drama productions. Trinity Arts also inherits the legacy of the “Trinity Players,” who used Trinity’s people and facilities for drama and musical theatre productions.

In recent years, Trinity Arts has concentrated on “homegrown” productions, local talent, and fundraising efforts. Events in recent years have included visiting musicians and speakers, drama groups, our wintertime Trinity Coffeehouse, and our annual Christmastime fundraiser for “The Gathering Place.”

Trinity Arts in 2014: Projects in 2014 included the Trinity Coffeehouse (raising approximately \$630 for the Mission and Service Fund), “A Christmas Carol” in December (raising approximately \$1600 for “the Gathering Place”). Trinity Arts was a key fundraiser in achieving our flexible modular staging for the Trinity sanctuary, which has been useful to our Sunday worship, the JOY Band, Mustard Seed productions, and Trinity Arts. 2014 also included significant fundraising for the April 2015 Trinity Arts production of King Lear.

King Lear in 2015: Staging a professional quality production of William Shakespeare’s “King Lear”

is a bold undertaking that will enrich Trinity and North Bay through broad community outreach, the “No Fear King Lear” lecture series, a Matinee Fundraiser for Trinity, and cooperation with other educational and arts-based organizations. “King Lear” is operating on an Actor’s Co-op financial model to minimize any financial risk to the church, and additional fundraising is through an on-line crowdfunding campaign, generous arts patrons, and advance sales.

Appreciations: Every “Trinity Arts” project is a testament to the spirit of ‘pitching in’ at Trinity! Members of Trinity are regularly called upon to plan, volunteer, host, practice, paint, nail, bake, act, sing, build, design, sell tickets, share posters, wash dishes, serve coffee, and clean up! We could never do it without our large and caring church family. Particular thanks to the Trinity UCW and members of the Building and Grounds committees for their unfaltering support. Because of you, “Trinity Arts” has a negligible budget, and generally give our profits away to causes like “The Gathering Place” and the United Church Mission and Service Fund.

Further Plans: Two mainstay events have become Trinity traditions: the “Gathering Place” fundraiser in December, and a mid-winter “Trinity Coffeehouse.” The flexible modular sanctuary stage gets its biggest test-drive yet in 2015. And in Autumn 2015, Trinity will host an Advent Art Show. The best is yet to come!

Respectfully submitted, Trinity Arts.

## Christian Education Outreach & Social Action Committee

The Christian Education and Outreach Committee is responsible for coordinating and overseeing a vibrant, multi-faceted and current Christian Education program for children, youth and adults. The CEO committee is also responsible for oversight and assistance with the many outreach organizations of the church such as: Trinity's Food Shelf, the Infant Food Bank, Trinity Families, Vacation Bible Camp and more. Supported by Lisa Blais, our Designated Lay Minister, the CEO committee consists of co-chairs: Sue Whitehead and Sandra Brownlee as well as Cindy Brownlee, Marcel MacDonald, Linsey Mutch, Melissa Peddie, Caroline Harrison, Diane Cook and Brenda Holbein. The committee regretfully accepted Brenda Holbein's resignation from the committee this fall.

Many of the CEO Committee programs and activities are reported elsewhere in the annual report (see Sunday School, Trinity Families, Food Shelf, Youth Group, VBC, Mustard Seed,

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group). The CEO committee is responsible for coordinating teacher appreciation day, the Rally Back Picnic and for initiating fundraising activities and envelope donations to the Food Shelf through special offerings such as Lent, Thanksgiving and White Gift Sunday. This year the Lenten offering brought in \$872.20 which was donated to the Food Shelf; the Thanksgiving offering brought in \$773 which was donated to the Food Shelf and the Benevolent Fund; and the White Gift offering helped to provide 150 Christmas bags to those in need in our community.

The CEO Committee wishes to thank the Trinity community for their generous support of the many activities that take place in our very active church.

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## Union Cemetery Report

Circa 1915, four North Bay churches, Trinity United, St. Andrew's United, Calvin Presbyterian and First Baptist joined together and established Union Cemetery which, thanks to many dedicated volunteers, has faithfully served the local community ever since. The cemetery functions under the Cemeteries Act of Ontario. It also maintains its own Rules and Regulations, which may be amended from time to time to meet Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations guidelines. The Cemetery is financially self-supporting with the exception of an annual \$200.00 donation from each of the four churches.

The Cemetery's revenue is derived from plot sales and burial fees and the proceeds are used to pay all operating expenses including facility maintenance and perpetual care. Any excess

funds are held in Trust in accordance with the Cemeteries Act.

The current members of the Union Cemetery Board are: Henry Drenth - Chairman (Calvin), Everette Armstrong - Secretary (1st Baptist), Ted Thomson (Calvin), Stuart Bailey (St. Andrew's), Rob Brownlee - Treasurer (Trinity), and Ross Brewer (Trinity).

Statistics for 2014: Burials - 4 Casket/12 Cremation; Plot Sales - 2 Casket/6 Cremation.

Ross Brewer

## Trinity Families

Overall, it was a great year for Trinity Families.

We organized several outings including:

- snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing and skating at Arrowhead National park (February);
- Matthews Maple Syrup Farm (April) and;
- Pumpkin Patch at Leisure Farms in Sturgeon Falls. (October)

There were a few small gatherings organized including:

- a games night(for the adults) and;
- an Outdoor Movie Night (for all ages. We watched the Lego Movie)

We have three larger events that we host and organize:

- Chili competition,
- Santa Claus Parade and;
- The Christmas Walk Dinner and Music.
- The Chili competition had about seventy attendants and the money we made was donated to Mission and Service. This year, we will be putting the money towards our Trinity Families Retreat at Spirit Point in February 2016.
- The Santa Claus Parade lunch made 25.85 which went into the Christian Education fund.

The parade didn't go past the church but we hauled some furniture down to main-street anyways. We offered Hot Chocolate to anyone who asked and handed it out to parade officials. It was a hit.

- The Lasagna Supper had about eighty

attendants and we raised 173.65 which was donated to Hope2Kenya.

### Other News

#### WORLD VISION'S NEW BOOK

In October, we were contacted by Freelance Writer, Patricia Paddey who had been contracted by World Vision to write a book on how churches are responding to the changing landscape across Canada. They were looking for a Church Group in Northern Ontario and discovered Trinity Families on our website. She conducted several interviews with various members of Trinity Families. Details and copies will be made available as soon as it has been published.

#### FAMILY RETREAT AT SPIRIT POINT

We have booked Spirit Point, located near South River in order to host a Family Retreat next family day (2016). In order to make this affordable to our families, the proceeds of the activities (such as the Chili Competition) will go to offset the cost. More details about this will be available late this year.



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## AOTS (As One That Serves)

The Trinity Men’s Group “As One That Serves” has been very active again this past year. Hosting the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Good Friday Breakfast, Ladies Night, Soup Tasting and helping at the Coffee House and other social events. We support youth and others who are perusing interests through the Church at Presbytery and Conference events. We regularly provide funding for Youth Activities such as Mustard Seed Productions, Camp Lorrain and our own Vacation Bible Camp. Our Men regularly set up tables throughout the Church for all sorts of functions working alongside the Women of the UCW. We have started a program, which sends Tim Horton’s gift cards to our youth who are away at College or University to say, “we are thinking of you” around exam time. Each 1st

Saturday of the Month we meet for breakfast and then have a guest speaker who provides insights into events or careers in and around North Bay. Our last speakers Al Moyer and Earl Johnston gave us a glimpse into the original Charter Members of our Club who got us started on our road to Service.

It is our belief that we have one of the most active AOTS Groups in Canada and we strive to live up to our name “As One That Serves”.

### AOTS Financial Statement

Register Balance 1 January 2014				4135.73
	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE	
Breakfasts	\$2,160.00	\$2,103.63	\$56.37	
Gift Cards	\$97,475.00	\$93,841.49	\$3,633.51	
Pancakes	\$834.00	\$252.96	\$581.04	
Hams	\$3,490.00	\$2,132.00	\$1,358.00	
Dues	\$480.00	\$315.00	\$165.00	
Good Friday	\$800.00	\$760.00	\$40.00	
Ladies Night	\$775.00	\$780.00	\$(5.00)	
Sunrise Service	\$25.75	\$29.00	\$(3.25)	
Donation	\$159.00	\$-	\$159.00	
Jackets	\$71.00	\$-	\$71.00	
Gift Cards for Students		\$615.25	\$(615.25)	
Hope2Kenya		\$600.00	\$(600.00)	
Youth Support		\$2,450.00	\$(2,450.00)	
Donations		\$1,160.00	\$(1,160.00)	
AOTS Cups, Aprons & Past Presidents Pins		\$614.78	\$(614.78)	
LLWL		\$720.00	\$(720.00)	
Roundup	\$50.00	\$450.00	\$(400.00)	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$106,319.75</b>	<b>\$106,824.11</b>	<b>\$(504.36)</b>	<b>\$(504.36)</b>
<b>Register Balance 5 January, 2015</b>				<b>\$3,631.37</b>
Reconciliation				
Outstanding Cheques				180
<b>Bank Balance 5 January, 2015</b>				<b>\$3,811.37</b>

## AOTS Budget 2015

	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	DIFFERENCE
Breakfasts	\$2,200.00	\$2,100.00	\$100.00
Gift Cards	\$100,000.00	\$96,000.00	\$4,000.00
Pancakes	\$900.00	\$300.00	\$600.00
Hams	\$3,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,300.00
Dues	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$125.00
Good Friday	\$805.00	\$800.00	\$5.00
Ladies Night	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$(50.00)
Sunrise Service	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$-
Youth Support - Gift Cards for Students		\$900.00	\$(900.00)
Mustard Seed		\$500.00	\$(500.00)
Winterlude		\$500.00	\$(500.00)
Camp Lorrain		\$500.00	\$(500.00)
Bible Camp		\$300.00	\$(300.00)
Speaker Gifts		\$800.00	\$(800.00)
Warming Centre		\$1,000.00	\$(1,000.00)
LLWL		\$1,080.00	\$(1,080.00)
Roundup		\$500.00	\$(500.00)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$108,535.00</b>	<b>\$108,535.00</b>	<b>\$-</b>



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## United Church Women (U.C.W.)

Another year has come, & gone already for the ladies. It went so fast due to many commitments that we had. Some were fun, such as the retirement tea for Linda McLay Sheridan, the Annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar, & many others. Some brought us an opportunity to reflect on memories that had been shared over the years with friends & church family.

We had lots of occasions to show our expertise with catering requests, from Bridge Tournaments, Friday Luncheons, & various groups like Trinity Arts, & The Coffeehouse.

We were honoured to host The Annual UCW Manitou Conference at the end of April. Our very own “Judy Biondi” was installed as President of UCW Manitou Conference. We wish her all the best and know that she will enrich our various UCW units with her talents, abilities, wisdom and experience.

We enjoyed the Annual AOTS breakfast with Shalome MacNeil Cooper as the guest speaker. The AOTS and sister UCW units attended our potluck in June, and our guest speaker was Lillian Kluka, a retired ship's captain. Both speakers were very interesting.

In the fall we had an opportunity to attend North Bay UCW Presbyterial at Knox Nipissing United Church. We shared laughs, fellowship and a

presentation about Alzhiemers, and of course delicious food. We look forward to the Spring Rally.

Our Annual Christmas Tea & Bazaar was a huge success this year! The turnout was the biggest we have had in a few years and everyone enjoyed delicious sandwiches,goodies, beautiful decorations and of course all the teddy bears.

We continue with our quarterly kitchen inspections, which we always pass.

As 2015 gears up for the UCW, there will be lots of opportunities for us to share our talents, abilities and also in fellowship, fun & laughter.

In closing, on behalf of Trinity UCW, I would like express our sincere thanks to all of you who helped us in any way last year. Your support & help are greatly appreciated.

“Service is the rent we pay for our room on earth”

All the best in 2015

Respectfully submitted  
Roxanne Chartrand, President

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## United Church Women Treasurer's Report - 2014

**Register Balance January 9, 2014** **\$4,248.68**

**RECEIPTS:**

Envelope Offerings	\$5,822.00
Monthly Luncheons	\$3,700.78
Luncheon Bake Sales	\$444.75
Sunday Rotary Luncheons	\$945.82
Funeral catering	\$1,700.00
Catering	\$2,010.00
Tea and Bazaar	\$3,799.10
Donations	\$310.00
Flowers	\$341.05

**Total Receipts** **\$19,073.50**  
**\$23,322.18**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Mission and Service Objective	\$3,200.00
Mission and Service Congregation	\$2,000.00
Trinity United Church - General Expenses	\$6,000.00
Trinity United Church	\$500.00
Trinity United Church - Food Shelf	\$300.00
North Bay Presbyterial Expenses 2014	\$300.00
Catering Expenses	\$550.51
Donations - North Bay Presbyterial Bursary Fund	\$100.00
- Camp Lorrain	\$400.00
- Packsac Smiles	\$400.00
- Hope2Kenya	\$1,400.00
- V.O.N. Meals on Wheels	\$100.00
- Canadian Bible Society	\$50.00
- Huntington University	\$300.00
- North Bay Hospital Foundation	\$200.00
- Mustard Seed	\$200.00
- Hilde Toll Fund	\$100.00
Gifts and Memorials	\$730.00
Ione's Garden	\$400.00
Administration	\$202.09
Bazaar + Kitchen Expenses	\$427.12
Christmas Cheer Baskets	\$100.00
Licensed Lay Worship Leader	\$270.00
Cards	\$100.00
Lift Repairs	\$2,000.00
Supply Minister	\$125.00
Guest Speaker	\$150.00

**Register Balance 31 December 2014** **\$20,604.72**  
**\$2,717.46**

Reconcile	
Add Uncleared Deposits	\$550.00
Subtract Uncleared Cheques	\$8,474.22

**Bank Balance 24 December 2014** **\$10,641.68**

Respectively Submitted by Doris Rae Brownlee - January 19, 2015

## United Church Women Budget - 2015

Objective – Mission and Service Fund		\$3,200.00
Presbyterial Expenses		\$300.00
North Bay Presbyterial Bursary Fund		\$100.00
Trinity United Church - Official Board		\$2,000.00
Trinity United Church - Foodshelf		\$300.00
Lift Maintenance		\$2,000.00
Gifts and Memorials		\$400.00
Flowers		\$100.00
Christmas Cheer Baskets		\$100.00
Cards and Postage		\$125.00
General Kitchen Expenses		\$300.00
Guest Minister Supply		\$125.00
Delegates' Lunches to Annual Presbyterial Meeting		\$50.00
Trinity's Garden (Ione's Garden)		\$400.00
Mustard Seed		\$200.00
King Lear		\$200.00
Donations - Huntington University - Building Fund	\$300.00	
- Camp Lorrain	\$400.00	
- VON – Meals on Wheels	\$100.00	
- Bible Society	\$50.00	
- Packsac Smiles	\$400.00	
- North Bay Regional Health Centre	\$200.00	
- Hilde Toll Fund	\$100.00	
- Hope2Kenya	\$1,400.00	
		\$2,950.00
		<b>\$12,850.00</b>

### HOW TO BE RAISED

Envelopes	\$4,350.00	
Luncheons	\$3,000.00	
Catering	\$1,500.00	
Sunday Luncheos	\$1,000.00	
Tea and Bazaar	\$3,000.00	
		<b>\$12,850.00</b>

## Scouts Canada – 1st North Bay

Our Scouts are up and running and meeting in Trinity again. Angus Simpson, our leader, assisted by Eric Lalonde, Roxanne Ferguson and Ken Norman began in September with three Scouts. There are now 7 so this is very encouraging. The troop has been enjoying monthly camping and/or hiking outdoor activities. Their weekly meetings prepare them for these activities as well as providing opportunities to build friendships and feel a part of a group. One of the things that sets our troop apart is the Mountie Hats Angus has found on e-bay for each of the youth and of course Angus's kilt which he wears each week. Perhaps you remember when these hats were part of the scout uniform.

Dave McKenney is our Beaver leader and it is amazing what he and his helpers, Jared Horseman and Katy Jesty, accomplish with 5 to 7 year olds. The program is designed to develop social skills and to follow the Beaver motto, "Sharing, sharing, sharing". This year they built pirate ships, hiked in Laurier Woods, made Christmas Cards, went sliding, made and ate apple tarts, and pizza. among other things. Parents who stay for the program are encouraged to help with crafts and in other appropriate activities. 12 Beavers are enjoying the program this year.

22 Cubs are now meeting weekly with Akela, our Cub leader. Roxanne Ferguson assisted by Judd Hards, Ken Norman and Lizzie Little provide an

active and educational program which has included hikes and camping adventures. They have worked on black and green stars recycling, collectors, observation, cooking and winter cubbing badges. A guest speaker for Remembrance Day was well received. Several District events were attended by 1st North Bay.

We have registered with 1st North Bay as well 4 Ventures who meet in a community group at Trinity weekly. They have a program organized by the Ventures that has included camping and helping out at various events.

Our Group Committee is a group of adults which support the section activities. Rob Brownlee and Bill Brownlee are pleased to be joined by Terry Horseman, Secretary, Steve Graham, Quarter Master, and Anne Graham this year. We are always looking for further help as leaders of our groups and members of our Group Committee. Speak to any of us if you are interested in helping.

As you can see we have active groups providing worthwhile activities which help youth grow in many ways. It is important that we all feel a part of something and our Scouting groups certainly provide this.

submitted by Bill Brownlee 8 February 2015



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## Scouts Canada – 1st North Bay Financial Report

Financial Statement to 31 December 2014

Register Balance 1 January 2014				\$7,773.48
	INCOME	EXPENSE	PROFIT/(LOSS)	
Fund Raiser: Apple Day	\$1,141.45	\$16.98	\$1,124.47	
Popcorn	\$4,678.00	\$3,234.00	\$1,444.00	
Syrup	\$6,482.70	\$5,339.50	\$1,143.20	
In out	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	
Donation (Camp Warribara)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	
Registration	\$4,318.50	\$7,602.50	(\$3,284.00)	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$506.00	(\$506.00)	
Activities	\$0.00	\$1,654.08	(\$1,654.08)	
Badges	\$0.00	\$423.44	(\$423.44)	
Training	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	\$77.55	(\$77.55)	
Uniforms	\$49.85	\$97.15	(\$47.30)	
Totals	\$16,770.50	\$20,101.20	(\$3,330.70)	(\$3,330.70)
<b>Register Balance 31 December 2014</b>				<b>\$4,442.78</b>
Add Outstanding Cheques				\$62.15
Subtract Outstanding Deposits				\$0.00
<b>Bank Balance 31 December 2014</b>				<b>\$4,504.93</b>

## Budget 2015

	INCOME	EXPENSE	
Forward	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00
Fund Raiser: Apple Day	\$1,300.00	\$50.00	\$1,250.00
Popcorn	\$4,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00
Syrup	\$7,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,500.00
Trees for Canada	\$100.00	\$30.00	\$70.00
Registration	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$4,000.00)
Equipment	\$0.00	\$500.00	(\$500.00)
Activities	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,800.00)
Badges	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)
Training	\$0.00	\$200.00	(\$200.00)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,100.00</b>	<b>\$20,780.00</b>	<b>\$4,320.00</b>

## Finance/Stewardship Committee

First of all, THANK YOU for your generous donations to Trinity in 2014. Our offerings came to almost \$264,000 while the budget line for offerings was about \$275,000 so we came within \$11,000 or about 4% of our goal. Because of your donations, a couple of estates and careful management of our spending we have ended the year with a small surplus. Our offerings amount to about 75% of our total income so it is clear how important this is to our financial well being. Your continued generous support is required so that Trinity can continue its service to our members and adherents, the community, our country, and our world. To understand Trinity's contributions we invite you to study this Annual Report.

The members of the committee were: Jean Mitchell, Donald Bell, Bob Cook, Moe Laporte, John Roberts, Wesley Johnson, Rob Farris, Bryan Boothe, and Bill Brownlee. Our Envelope Secretary is Wanda Gleason, and we were served by three Treasurers in 2014. Peter Moseley-Williams came forward when Rob Sanders found he did not have the time to do the job as well as would have liked. Michelina Beam took over from Peter in July. We are grateful to these three people for their valuable contribution to our congregation.

Thanks to Moe Laporte for organizing the tellers and the ushers who counted and deposited the offerings during the year. And thanks also to all who agreed to help in this way. Also thank you to all those who helped with any of our fundraisers.

Once again we have given generously to our outreach projects. The Finance report shows over \$27,000.00 to M&S but to this we can add extra non budgeted amounts of about \$2500.00 to the Food Shelf, Advent Offerings of almost \$2200.00 total, and \$1400.00 for the Gathering Place.

Trinity continues to carry its weight and more in Outreach. More detail is available in the Financial statements. Thank you.

This is a very active congregation and we have enjoyed meaningful and enjoyable community in our activities as is demonstrated in the other submissions in the Annual Report. If you have not found your niche here yet perhaps the activities of these groups will pick your interest.

We continue to be grateful for the UCW. With support of many in the congregation, they have been able to contribute a significant amount toward outreach as well as the general needs of the congregation. Where would we be without the ladies?

We have about 100 supporters on PAR Whose donations amount to more than \$10,000 per month - about half of our monthly needs. This is an amount we can count on each month so is a great help in paying our way. This is a great way to donate to your church. Call Wanda to discuss and join. Please review what your offering will be each year. January is a good time to do this.

Another successful, fulfilling, friendly, .... year at Trinity. Thank you again!

Respectfully submitted by Bill Brownlee, 8 February 2015.

## Benevolent Fund

### TREASURER'S REPORT - 2014

#### RECEIPTS

Bank Balance January 1, 2014		\$2,162.82
Donations	\$310.10	
Bank Interest	\$0.53	
		<b>\$310.63</b>
		<b>\$2,473.45</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Bus Fare	\$61.30	
Rev Ted - Petty Cash	\$400.00	
		<b>\$461.30</b>
Bank Balance 24 December 2014		<b>\$2,012.15</b>

Respectively submitted by Doris-Rae Brownlee 6 February 2015



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