

Trinity United Church 2017 Annual Report



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STAFF 2017

Minister	Rev. Ted Harrison
Designated Lay Minister	Lisa Blais
Minister Emerita	Rev. Kathy McCallum
Minister of Music	Betty Farris
Office Administrator	Wanda Gleason
Custodian.....	Ryan Rozicki
Night Reception.....	Maurice Laporte
Night Security	Shirley Myre
Treasurer.....	Michelina Beam

“Lifesaving 101”:
A Note From Rev. Ted’s Desk

A ministry colleague shares the story of overhearing two young moms discussing their busy childrens’ extracurricular activities. One of them shared that she had recently enrolled her children in swimming lessons. “*How did you find the time?*” asked her friend. The mom exclaimed proudly that the lessons fit right in on Sunday mornings, enthusing that “*what they learn could save their lives!*”

At church, I think we can make the same claim: *What we learn could save our lives.*

In fact, it should save lives. Our emphasis at all ages needs to be on connecting to each other and to God—so that we feel a deepened sense of comfort, purpose, and direction. Our worship should wake us up to wonder, gratitude, and renewal. Our spiritual growth should make us ever more grounded, compassionate, generous, and open-minded.

Swimming lessons makes us more comfortable and confident in the water—but immersion in the life of faith rescues us when we find our whole lives at sea. When we are faced with sickness, chaos, loneliness or loss, our faith and our connection to this Church family offers warmth and safety from the storm.

At our best, this kind of life-saving is exactly what Trinity has represented in 2017. We nurture one another with faith, with good food and genuine friendship. We offer comfort and support to hurting people, when their lives turn upside-down. We celebrate life’s milestones, and we work together to make our world a kinder and richer place.

Thank you to every member of this church family for another year of that kind of “lifeguarding.” In this life, we are here to reach out and care for one another. *And what we learn and do together in this community indeed saves lives.*

May God continue to bless this world through you,



A Note from the Designated Lay Minister

The past year has been exciting, fulfilling and, of course, incredibly busy! 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 been incredibly moved by the gracious and generous way that so many of you offer your gifts to the many ministries at Trinity! 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. You are truly the reason why I love my job!

Each year I take some time to reflect back on the *year that was* and think about some of the highlights. It helps keep me grounded to look back and see what has been accomplished and where my energies have been spent. One of my perennial highlights has been developing a VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) program with Marcel MacDonald along with support from our Summer Student (last year was Carrie Graham) and of course, Rev. Ted, whose friendship with Shad-Man, and other notorious characters, allows us to bring meaningful and fun children's programming to over 50 kids each summer. Another highlight is the opportunity to collaborate with Darlene Laferriere and others in bringing our Mustard Seed Theatre to life - this past year producing both "Godspell" and "Malice in the Palace". It is truly an honour to work with the children and youth in our Church and our community and I am proud to watch them grow into faithful, courageous and caring leaders. This past summer I had the opportunity to attend Rendez-Vous (a national gathering of United Church Youth) where we heard prophetic and courageous speakers, engaged in meaningful workshops and worship services and had the opportunity to witness God's work in the world. Cindy Brownlee and I had the wonderful opportunity to lead a workshop entitled "Kitchen Party Bible Study."

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

Lisa

Trinity's Senior Choir



Another exciting year of musical ministry at Trinity, as the choir continues to grow in numbers, musicianship, and repertoire. They continue to prepare introits and anthems for the church services each week. This choir is very dedicated to their faith and each other, and consistently presents music with excellence and passion under the very talented leadership of Betty Farris.

Extra music was prepared for Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, each with a varying instrumental ensemble, a special addition to mark the beauty of these celebrations! In a separate performance during the Christmas season, The Trinity United Senior Choir welcomed extra voices to the choir and presented the cantata 'I Hear The Profit Calling', accompanied by Micheal Denomme and a full instrumental ensemble. It was a wonderful afternoon of collaboration with the Joyful Bells and the Trinity Junior Choir.

We are very grateful to all the musicians who prepare extra music to augment the beautiful services here. Many, many thanks to all the extra singers and instrumentalists who join with the choir when special music is prepared, for special celebrations, such as Thanksgiving, Easter, and Christmas. Often, we are blessed by just a sweet flute descant, a beautiful violin obligato, or rhythmic drumming to enhance a song. So a particular thank you to Laura Farris, Jennifer Hedigan, and Matthew Whitehead who so happily share their talents with us on a very regular basis, and help turn an inspiring anthem into something magically spiritual.

Members of the choir also prepare music regularly to participate with the Pastoral Care Committee in bringing Communion services outside of Trinity, to share our faith and song with those in various senior's homes in the city.

Our lovely pipe organ was refurbished during the summer months with great results. Its beautiful sound and power inspires us all each week. Indeed we are lucky to an instrument of such quality!

Trinity's Junior Choir

We have had a busy year! This enthusiastic group began the year by participating in the music at Chili Night, with a rousing rendition of "Yellow Submarine", with special guest "Captain" Ted. We participated in many church services, and prepared special music for many occasions; baptism, Thanksgiving, Easter, Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary, advent, Christmas, and even an apple pie announcement. Members of the Jr. choir sang for the Senior's Luncheon in the spring, and the choir was very well received as special guests at the Rapport concert in April, singing 'Winnie the Pooh', and 'Canada'.

The Jr. Choir is happy to receive new members ages 4yrs and up. Practices are at 9:30am, Sundays, in the sanctuary, before the church service.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Millar

Thoughts from the Board Chair

I was nervous about taking on the role of Chair of the Board of Trinity when I was first asked because of the time I thought the job would entail. As it turned out the Chair has no different time commitments than anyone else on the Board. I feel that all members of the Congregation should consider getting involved with a Committee and finding out just what is happening on our Trinity Board.

This past year has been one of continued growth for our Congregation, we see new members in the pews, in the choir and in the Sunday School program. It is wonderful to see the young faces of our newest members at the front of the Sanctuary during Children's Time with Ted.

We are blessed with the leadership of Reverend Ted, Lisa and Betty who guide us on our Spiritual journey each week with insightful messages, inspiring music and often fun insights into our religious growth.

The Board has looked at the Remits from the United Church of Canada and submitted our choices after very careful considerations to the impact our choices will have on our Congregation in the future.

We successfully navigated the delicate balance of providing useful and purposeful programs for the members of our Congregation and also balanced the books at the end of the year. A huge thanks goes out to all of the Committees, especially our Stewardship and Finance Committee and our Treasurer Michelina Beam who guided us throughout the year. We also need to acknowledge our fantastic Congregation who supported us financially and spiritually throughout the whole year. I would also like to thank Wanda, the gateway to Trinity, for her welcoming smile and cheery phone voice. She welcomes all to Trinity. I also thank Ryan for keeping us tidy and to Jean, Moe and Shirley for their time in the office.

Once again I would encourage all members of the Congregation to consider getting involved in the workings of our remarkable Church, Trinity United. The work is rewarding and provides for an ongoing insight into our everyday operations and the wider workings of the United Church of Canada.

Respectfully Submitted

David McKenney, Board Chair



Our Church Membership

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Barbara Gordon	January 7 th
Norma Louise Marie Addison	January 19 th
Donald Earl Somerville	February 7 th
Randi Sue Drew	February 12 th
Lynda Gail Wickett	February 14 th
Lorne Leroy Heward	March 19 th
Muriel Dalores Haskins	April 25 th
Edna Belle Leppert	May 13 th
Francis Mae Atkinson	June 11 th
George (Bud) Arthur Thompson	June 14 th
Roy Ephraim Males	July 7 th
Susan Margaret Sheridan	July 10 th
David Mills	August 11 th
Viva Lillian Close	September 7 th
June Currier	September 22 nd
William (Bill) Maass	October 10 th

BAPTISMS

Noah Donald Shaver	May 21 st
Rachel Irene McMillan	May 21 st
Jillian Isabel Reed	May 28 th
Kye Michael Calvin Houle	June 25 th
Isabel Grace Garcia-Tayler	September 17 th
Lilly Myah Rose	October 8 th

STATISTICS

Resident and non-resident membership as of	
December 31, 2016	475
Received by profession of faith	10
Received by transfer	9
Total received in 2017	19
Removed by death	12
Removed by session	0
Removed by unknown residency	0
Removed by transfer	0
Total Removed in 2017	12
Net Gain	7
Resident and non-resident membership as of	
December 31, 2017	482
Non-Resident	123
Resident	359

Presbytery and Conference dues are based on the resident memberships.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Baptisms	15	4	11	5	8	3	6
Marriages	13	9	6	2	8	5	1
Funerals	22	12	12	9	13	8	12

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2017

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Trinity United Church held in the Sunday School room following lunch on Sunday, February 26, 2017 with 45 persons in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Kirk Ready at 12:20 pm. "Out of desire to live in right relationship with all of God's people, we recognize that we gather today on territory which has been cared for and blessed by the people of the Nipissing First Nations. Let us gather in spirit and truth."

WORSHIP: Rev. Ted conducted the opening worship. He spoke of our church being built on rock and the strength that gives us. He then led us in the singing of

"Like a Rock" (More Voices #92)
Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore

APPOINTMENT of RECORDING SECRETARY

MOTION: Moved by Gladys Banks-Bryer/Noreen Brewer that Janice Brownlee be appointed recording secretary for this annual meeting. CARRIED

CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP/VOTING PRIVILEGES FOR ADHERENTS: **MOTION:** Moved by Laurie Smith /Rob Farris that Adherents of Trinity United Church who are present at this meeting be granted corresponding membership and the privilege to vote on temporal (non-spiritual/non worship) matters.

CARRIED

IN MEMORIAL: Rev. Ted Harrison read the names of members and friends (page 4) whose funerals were conducted during 2016 and following a moment of silence he led in prayer.

REVIEW of AGENDA: Remits added to the New Business of the Agenda.

MOTION: Moved by Cindy Brownlee/Maurice Laporte that the agenda be accepted as amended.

CARRIED

MINUTES: Review and approval of the minutes for the Annual Congregational Meeting (for the year ending 2015) held on February 28, 2016.

MOTION: Moved by John Roberts/Jean Mitchell that the minutes the AGM from February 28, 2016 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Remits - over the past year (2016) the Board has been considering a number of remits from the General Council. These remits are directed to Congregations and Presbyteries. The remits are concerned with Transfer and Settlement, Courts of the Church (reducing the courts from 4 to 3), Funding a new Model, One Order of Ministry, Office of Vocation. It is important that each remit be considered and voted on as no response is considered a no vote. The results of the remits will be addressed at General Council 43 in 2018.

REPORTS for the YEAR 2016:

REVIEWER'S REPORT: Brad Stenning and Marcel MacDonald reviewed all the financial statements that appear in the annual report and the statements have been found to reflect the financial position of each of the committees. (neither Brad nor Marcel was able to attend the meeting and their written report was read by the chair)

MOTION: Moved by Rob Brownlee/Gladys Banks-Bryer that the Reviewers' report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT of REVIEWERS for the Year 2017.

Marcel MacDonald had stated that he would be happy if someone else would take over this reviewer role. The request was put forward and Rick Shaver volunteered. His offer was gratefully accepted.

MOTION: Moved by Bill Brownlee/Doris Rae Brownlee that the Reviewers for 2017 be Brad Stenning and Rick Shaver. CARRIED)

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Summaries of the Financial Reports were circulated. John Roberts reviewed the financial summary report 2016. John expressed thanks to the congregation for their generous donations throughout the year. He expressed appreciation to the Finance/Stewardship Committee and acknowledged the work of Michelina Beam, treasurer in ensuring all our financial obligations are met. The floor was opened for questions.

MOTION: Moved by Bill Clark/Bob Cooney that the 2016 Financial Statements be accepted. CARRIED

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2017: A summary of the proposed budget 2017 was circulated. It was noted that there is a projected deficit of \$6,012.12 and this will be addressed throughout the year. It was also noted that in order to keep the deficit at a reasonable level the Board agreed to reduce the church's M&S contribution to \$15,000.

The floor was opened for questions and discussion.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET: Moved by Eunice Laporte/Gladys Banks-Bryer that the proposed budget for 2017 be accepted. CARRIED

The Finance Committee is recommending that a Stewardship sub-committee be established to highlight and encourage support for Trinity and the wider Church.

MOTION: Moved by Maurice Laporte/Ann Clark that a Stewardship subcommittee reporting to the Finance Committee and hence to the Board be established.

SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR 2017

MOTION: Moved by Maurice Laporte/Don Haslam that any 2 of the following Board Members be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of Trinity United Church in 2017: Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary. CARRIED

Amendment to the motion: Moved by Doris Rae Brownlee/Bill Brownlee that the names of the individuals holding each of these positions be included. CARRIED

Amendment to the motion: Moved by Roxanne Chartrand/Sandra Roziki that the Office Administrator be included in the signing authority. CARRIED

Board Members with signing authority (any 2 must sign cheques)

Chair - Dave McKenney

Vice Chair - Darlene Laferriere

Past Chair - Kirk Ready

Recording Secretary - Janice Brownlee

Treasurer - Michelina Beam

Office Administrator - Wanda Gleason

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: A small task group (Rev. Ted, Jim Liddell, Don Haslam) reviewed the constitution and bylaws and made a number of suggestions to bring the constitution and bylaws into compliance with present day realities and practices at Trinity.

Designated Lay Minister (DLM) is extended full membership privileges on the Board.

Allowances are made for changes underway to the courts of the United Church (ie the documents will remain current whether or not Presbyteries and Conferences are collapsed into Regions)

Historic term 'Elder' is removed as a designation for Board Volunteers, it is retained in reference to 'Honorary Elders'.

Mission statement is updated

Conflict of Interest policy is incorporated into the Bylaws

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: presented by Roxanne Chartrand.

The members of the Nominating Committee are

The committee thanked the following retiring elders and trustees who have completed their second three year term: Claudette dePencier, Marlene Little, Maurice Laporte, Eunice Laporte, Shirley Tayler and Ed Rose.

The following individuals have agreed to serve a second 3year term: Don Bell, Debby Clark. Don Haslam, Jean Mitchell, Shirley Myre and Roxanne Chartrand

The following persons are nominated to the Board for a term ending in 2020: Karen Johnson, Carling Lutecki, Judi Rose, Ryan Rozicki, Richard Smith, Ross Brewer, Darlene Laferriere.

Chair: Dave McKenney

Vice-Chair: Darlene Laferriere

The following individual is nominated to the Board of Trustees for a term ending 2022: Kirk Elliott.

The Chairperson opened the meeting for nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: Moved by Jim Liddell/Sandra Rozicki that nominations for elders cease.

CARRIED

MOTION to RECEIVE NOMINATING REPORT: Moved by Gladys Banks-Bryer/Shirley Tayler that the Nominating Committee report be accepted as the Board of Trinity United Church for 2017.

CARRIED

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION:

MOTION: Moved by Ione Barre/Maurice Laporte that letters of appreciation be sent to the retiring elders.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Sandra Rozicki/Jean Rideout that the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur throughout the year and to present the names of any new members for approval at the Annual Congregational meeting next year.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Ann Clark/Ann Cann that the following members of Trinity United Church be elected as Honourary Elders: Bill Brownlee, Doris Rae Brownlee, Rae Brownlee.

CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Eric Brownlee/Gladys Banks-Bryer that the Nominating Committee report be accepted and the Nominating Committee be dissolved with thanks. CARRIED

REMAINDER of ANNUAL REPORT 2016:

Appreciation was expressed to Ross Brewer for putting the report together.

MOTION: Moved by Roxanne Chartrand/Joan Austin that the TUC Annual Report 2016 be accepted as printed. CARRIED

INSTALLATION of CHAIRPERSON:

Roxanne Chartrand was thanked for her time as Chair of the Board. In the absence of the new Chair, this will formally be done during an upcoming regular Sunday service at Trinity United Church.

ADJOURNMENT: Having completed the business before us Kirk Ready asked for a motion of adjournment. Don Haslam moved the adjournment of the meeting at 1:20 pm. The meeting was closed Rev. Ted offering a benediction.

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Recording Secretary

.....
Chairperson

Christian Education & Outreach 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, and chaired by Cindy Brownlee. The committee includes; Sunday School Superintendent, Marcel MacDonald, youth reps Jeff Mailloux and Eric Brownlee, as well as Linsey Mutch, Caroline Harrison, Diane Cook, Carling Luteki and Sue Whitehead. The committee is very thankful for the contributions of Melissa Peddie who has decided to step down from the committee

Many of the CEO Committee programs and activities are reported elsewhere in the annual report (see Sunday School, Trinity Families, Food Shelf, Youth Group, Vacation Bible Camp, Mustard Seed, and 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 was \$1,113.80 and the Thanksgiving offering was \$1,032.00 both of which were donated to the Food Shelf. The White Gift donations amounted to \$819.00 which helped to provide 150 Christmas bags to those in need in our community as well providing a generous donation to the Food Shelf program.

The CE committee was pleased to be able to support new initiatives as well. This includes the formations of a drumming circle that meets weekly and is open to all, as well as a bi-weekly Friday night games night for our church family as well as members of the community. We are also pleased that Shad-Man finds a welcoming family at the Vacation Bible Camp and calls Trinity home. The CE committee was happy to endorse the sale of Trinity Shad-man T-shirts with \$829.50 being raised to support children's programming at Trinity.

Trinity is truly blessed though the countless volunteers and generous supporters of all the activities of Christian Education and Outreach. Together, our church family builds a loving and caring community because of the sharing of time, talents and generous donations for our many outreach activities

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Brownlee

Ministry & Personnel Committee

We, here at Trinity, are extremely fortunate in having staff personnel that work well, both for us, and with us, as well as with each other. All of them go beyond their required work descriptions to keep our church family humming.

Our 2017 members included Pat Smith, Debby Clark, Anna Wright, John Peddie, Don Haslam and Brad Stenning. We are looking to add a member or two this year as we have more people on staff to liaise with.

As a committee our responsibilities are: consultation and support for matters involving staff when needed; overseeing the relationship of staff to each other and to the congregation; to make regular reviews of working conditions; responsibilities and compensation for staff; revising position descriptions of pastoral charge staff as needed; conducting annual performance reviews of the staff; ensuring pastoral charge staff are able to use their opportunities for continuing education and to maintain contact with the Presbytery Pastoral Relations Committee.

Trinity is a very alive, vibrant community and thus it is appealing to people, especially younger families so that there is a desire to join in and be a part of the weekly offerings. We are community friendly and active beyond the walls of the "building."

We thank the congregation for their support of our programs and initiatives here at Trinity. We continue to remember that the church, any church, is the body of "people" not the building, who belong and serve together for the greater church and the wider community. We ask for your prayers for the persons charged with bringing about the needed changes to our United Church of Canada that are being organized now through 2019.

Submitted by Co-Chairs,
Don Haslam and Brad Stenning

Pastoral Care & Visiting Committee

It is such a joy to be part of our Visiting and Pastoral Care Committee. We held Spring communion services in February at Empire Living and in March at Nipissing Manor. We had to cancel a service at Cassellholme because of a flu outbreak .

We had some special events, some new members were welcomed into the church on two separate Sundays and there was a cake following the services to share with them. Beryl Washburn attended church for her 93rd birthday and we had a small luncheon for her family and friends after the service.

Our Fall communion services were conducted in November at Empire Living, Marina Point and Cassellholme. It was a busy time but much thanks goes to Rev. Ted, Betty Farris and the wonderful choir members who made the service so special.

We continue to visit the nursing homes and the hospital a on a regular basis and anyone who would like a visit we are happy to do so. Rev. Richard Smith has greatly brought joy to so many of our "Over 90's" members as well as those who have been sick and in hospital. His gift of music has been a real blessing. Thank you Richard for sharing.

I would like to thank the members of our committee who do so much to care for our Trinity family. They are: Bonnie Beam, Rae Brownlee, Dainty dePencier, Rob Farris, Wanda Gleason, Maurice Laporte, Ruth McKinnon, Shirley Myre, Barb Roberts, John Sheridan, Richard Smith and Shirley Tayler.

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a congregation to welcome new members.

Noreen Brewer and Claudette dePencier
Co-Chairpersons

Property and Grounds

The fall has seen us replace the eavestroughing along the garden side of the building and install ice melt cables which has made for a much safer parking and walking experience in the winter months.

A rentals sub-committee has re-vamped and received Board approval for a tiered system of rental agreement for use of our church building.

We are looking forward to a 'Spring Spruce-Up' once the snow has finally released us, cleaning up winter debris and touching up outside paint on walls, stairs and windowsills.

As a summer project for our downtime this year, we hope to complete renovations to the main floor mens washroom, including new flooring, new fixtures and a coat of paint.

Ryan Rozicki – Chair, Property and Grounds.

Finance Committee



Spoiler alert - you're about to read some GOOD NEWS from the finance committee! There are more details in the financial reports section of this Annual Report, but here's a summary.

When we created the budget for 2017, and saw the looming deficit, we reduced our M&S commitment from the previous \$24,000 to \$15,000. The year played out much as we expected. At least the first 11 months did.

We finished paying off our "fire loan" in 2017. Our heating costs were up 46%, although they were below budget. This was caused by a combination of several increases in Union Gas' rates aggravated by issues with their Equal Billing Plan (EBP). We've cancelled their EBP to eliminate these issues in the future. An example of some of the cost-saving steps we took was to switch to an Internet service reseller to cut our Internet costs in half. Thank you to everybody who helped us manage our expenses so well.

Some notable variances in Income were M&S Specific giving was up \$1,300, Building Rentals were down \$1,300, and Memoriams were up \$3,400.

Once again we relied on group donations (the UCW, the AOTS, and Trinity Arts) and fundraising activities to help us meet our expenses, and once again they exceeded our expectations. Fundraising projects like the apple pies, Glitter Dinner, Soup Tasting, Swiss Chalet, the Photo Directory project and the 4 Trinity's silent auction, hot-cross buns, and cookie walk all contributed to a \$4,400 increase in this area. Thank you everyone who helped us so much in 2017, and to those who are already working on a few more fundraising (and fun-raising) activities for 2018.

The Finance Committee would like to congratulate the Food Shelf / Infant Food Shelf for their strong year. They raised \$13,700 and spent \$16,600 resulting in only \$2,900 in year revenue adjustment from restricted fund.

As far as Finances go, our Offerings Income was the big story in 2017. Offerings are about 2/3 of our Income so your generosity has a huge impact on our financial results. We had budgeted a significant increase of 4%, hoping to offset the trend of declining offerings. While we struggled to meet this goal through the year we saw a huge surge in December and ended up 6% higher than 2016. We were still forecasting a deficit going into December but due to your amazing support we ended 2017 with a surplus of \$13,000. And with the success of various campaigns to get more people on PAR we're hopeful that future years will be just as successful. Thank you all for such a great year. The turnaround in December was absolutely amazing.

The members of your 2017 Finance committee were Michelina Beam, Donald Bell, Bob Cook, Rob Farris, Jean Mitchell, Peter Moseley-Williams, and John Roberts. The members of your 2017 Stewardship committee were Karen and Wesley Johnson. Our envelope secretary and PAR administrator is Wanda Gleason, and our treasurer is Michelina Beam. Moe Laporte, having served his 2 consecutive years, had to take the year off but still organized the tellers and the ushers who count and deposit the offerings. We are grateful to all these people for their valuable contributions.

As Ted wrote last fall, "Our Trinity Church community is a wonderful blessing, both to us and to our wider community. We are a place of much laughter, music and connection; a centre for worship and counselling and community outreach; a joyful family of service that responds to the hurting, and nurtures the next generation. As a large and responsive church with a hard-working staff and volunteer team, we rely exclusively on YOUR generosity." At that time we were forecasting yet another deficit - as we'd experienced in 11 of the past 18 years. But because of your generous rally in December we've put another tick in the "games won" column.

So, once again - THANK YOU.

Respectfully submitted by John Roberts, ,
on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Worship Committee

Committee Members: Rev. Dr. Ted Harrison, Gladys Banks-Bryer, Roxanne Chartrand, Marlene Little, Shirley Myre, Jean Rideout, Judi Rose, Sandra Rozicki and Heather Shouse. (Heather retired from the committee in September and we want to thank her for her contributions.)

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 ushers, lay leaders, lift operators, supply ministers and the Sunday custodian. We prepare the chancel for each service. In addition, we schedule elders to serve Communion throughout the year and we provide assistance to the UCW to prepare the elements before each Communion service. We also assist with the Baptism services.

After Easter, the sanctuary was transformed into a set for the production of Romeo and Juliet under the direction of Rod Carly. The performances took place early in May. However, before they began Rev. Ted took the opportunity to use the set and the theme from Romeo and Juliet to deliver several thought-provoking and interesting messages.

On June 4th Rev. Ted was away for Conference Sunday and Rob Farris and Gord Roberts led the worship service. Rev. Kathy McCallum led us in worship on June 18th in Rev. Ted's absence.

The UCW led the Worship service on November 5th to help celebrate their 55th Anniversary. On November 26th the AOTS led us in Worship.

In preparation for Advent, the sanctuary was once again transformed into the Christmas season under the direction of Nancy Dewar-Stenning. Our thanks also go out to Don and Jean Rideout, Noreen and Ross Brewer, Gladys Banks-Bryer and Keith Bryer and Colton Chaput for assisting in this endeavour.

Our Minister of Music, Betty Farris, along with the choir, continue to share their love of music and enthusiasm weekly. One of the Christmas Season's musical offerings is the Choir's Cantata. This year the choir chose to perform the Cantata "I Hear the Prophet Callin" on December 17th in the afternoon. The music was beautiful and it was very well received by the community. We again enjoyed the Sunday school's Christmas production "It's a Boy!" under the direction of Darlene Laferriere. The children did another awesome job!

One of the very special services held annually is the “Longest Night Service” with our friends from St Andrew’s United Church. This is a candle lighting service held on December 21st. At this time of year, people are dealing with many emotions of not only “highs” but also of “lows” and this service allows a time to pause and reflect.

Rev. Ted continues to inspire us. His insightful messages, often delivered with a sense of humour, speak to all ages. There is always something for everyone and we appreciate his leadership, wisdom and compassion. We are truly blessed to have Rev. Ted as our minister.

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.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee members for their dedication and ongoing work of this committee. Whenever tasks are presented to them, they pull together and make sure the jobs get completed quickly and effectively. I feel very privileged to be a part of this hard-working committee.

Respectfully submitted

Gladys Banks-Bryer, Chairperson

Presbytery Representatives

North Bay Presbytery includes representation from the United Church in Sturgeon Falls, Redbridge, Mattawa, Rutherglen, 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), retired members of the Ordered Ministry (Rev Kathy, Rev Gord Roberts) and up to 10 lay members at large. From our congregation, Bill Brownlee is a member at large.

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 in 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 of the pastoral charges, promoting mission activities, approving closure 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.

Presbytery has been involved in a number of initiatives over the past year. We worked with the congregation of Emmanuel United Church to search for and call a minister. Rev Roni Beharri began her ministry at Emmanuel in August. Tracy Davis assumed the chair position for Presbytery in September. Presbytery continued to deal with the remits generated by the work done at GC42. At the February meeting Remit 3 (Office of Vocation) was discussed and voted on. The vote was in favour. Information related to Remit 6 (one order of ministry) was presented at the September and November ‘full’ court meetings. There were many questions and much discussion and it was decided to postpone the vote for this remit until the February, 2018 meeting. Much of the work of Presbytery has been focused on discerning how to support the pastoral charges as the United Church moves through this period of change. The governance structure will change, Presbyteries, Conferences will not longer exist but the work of the UC at the local, national and international level will continue.

Tracy Davis is competently serving as Chair and Karen Gooch continues to fulfill the duties of Secretary. Janice Brownlee serves as Conference Lay Representative to the General Council Executive and as Chair of the Conference Staff Committee.

It has been a very busy year for Presbytery. We have reported our activities regularly to the Board and played host for several meetings at Trinity. We are grateful to the UCW of Trinity for providing delicious food for our lunches. Please feel free to chat with us about the work of North Bay Presbytery. We thank you for the opportunity to serve on your behalf. This is an exciting but also anxious time in the UC.

Respectfully,

Janice Brownlee, Don Haslam, Eunice Laporte, Ann Clark

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 Trusts of Model Deeds set out in *The Manual: The United Church of Canada: Appendix II*.

The members of the Board of Trustees in 2017 were: Bob Cooney, Jim Liddell, Jean Mitchell, John Roberts, Jean Rideout, Kirk Elliott and Sandra Rozicki. No one accepted the position of Chair of the Trustees, Sandra Rozicki has been named to the position of Trustee Secretary while Jean Rideout is the representative seconded to the Building and Grounds Committee and Bob Cooney fulfilled the position as the representative responsible for insurance matters. Should you wish to be a member of the Trustees there is still room for more volunteers. A maximum of ten persons is allowed to be a Trustee at any given time.

In carrying out their duties, the Trustees ensure that the church building and contents are adequately insured. An inventory review of the church contents is conducted to confirm that the insurance is both adequate and current. The Trustees also insure that sufficient liability insurance coverage is carried to protect the congregation and staff against personal liability arising from 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.

Both Jim Liddell and Bob Cooney have completed a period of five years as Trustee and both have indicated they will be resigning. New members will be sought to replace them.

Submitted by Jim Liddell, Trustee

Sunday School

Each Sunday morning at Trinity, you are sure to encounter some of our youngest members of our Church family in almost every room of the Church. Our Sunday School children are comfortable and at home here at Trinity, which is wonderful! Our Sunday School continues to be a place of great fun and learning. Ask any of our children about what they have learned in Sunday School and you are sure to receive an enthusiastic response. On any given Sunday, you may find our kids in the kitchen making stone soup or learning about food in the bible, or in the gym playing cooperation games, or in the Sunday School room experimenting with salt and light or making a peace dove, or in the Fireside Room creating a skit or rehearsing for the Sunday School pageant - perhaps Sunday School should be called *Funday School*!

We continue to use the Rotational Model of Sunday School, in which the children are divided into three age related groups that rotate through different activities each week. For three weeks the children participate in activities such as cooking, crafts, games, science and discovery, drama and storytelling - reinforcing the same story for the three weeks. We use a combination of curriculum materials from a variety of sources including lessons written by Lisa Blais, our Designated Lay Minister.

Our Sunday School includes approximately 40 children, 15 teachers and 8 youth helpers. Our nursery care is provided by Carrie Graham and Samantha Peddie with occasional help from other caring people. We are incredibly fortunate to be joined most Sunday mornings by Darlene Laferriere, who leads the children in a theme related song. This year our Sunday School themes were the Call of the Disciples, Salt and Light, Wisdom of the Bible, Doubting Thomas, Parable of the Sower, The Church, and Peace. The Children wrapped up the year with another wonderful Christmas Pageant, *"It's a Boy"*, directed by our fabulous house director, Darlene Laferriere. Each year, the pageants seem to be better and better! Special thanks to our accompanist, Eric Brownlee, and Caroline Harrison, our fantastic costume coordinator.

Our Sunday School is successful because of the support and willingness of our Church family and our amazing team of helpers. Thanks to our creative and talented teachers: Diane Cook, Caroline Harrison, Ryan Rozicki, Melissa Peddie, Cindy Brownlee, Michelina Beam, Karen Johnson, Linsey Mutch, Janice Brownlee, Carling Lutecki, Jeff Mailloux, Marcel MacDonald, Phyllis Chayer, and Lisa Blais. Thanks also to our excellent and enthusiastic helpers: Eric Brownlee, Eve Harrison, Colton Chaput, Alex Beaton, Julia Whitehead, James Scanlon, and Chris Vega.

Each Sunday, the children collect money that is used to support outreach organizations that the children choose. Last year, the children chose to support the Trinity Infant Food Shelf, the Mission and Service Fund, Trinity General Fund and Hope2Kenya.

Thank-you to the wider church family for welcoming, encouraging and supporting the many activities that our Sunday School children participate in.

Submitted by Marcel MacDonald, Sunday School Superintendent
and Lisa Blais, Designated Lay Minister

Monday Morning Food Shelf Report

The Monday Morning Food Shelf was open a total of 39 Days in 2017 (39 days in 2016). During the year we supplied a total of 1,005 food baskets (1,124 in 2016). The slight decline was a result of very low usage in the months of July and December as all other months were basically on a par with the previous year. Of these baskets, 667 were for single clients and 385 were for families (compared to 746 and 375 in 2016). The families comprised 926 members so in total we provided food assistance to 1,593 persons (1757 in the previous year).

In addition to providing food help we were also able to offer items such as toiletries, toilet paper and warm clothing (during winter months.) All of these items were donated rather than purchased.

We now have a total of about 18 volunteers involved in receiving and recording clients, filling and dispensing the baskets and other items, and shopping. Shopping to keep our shelves filled is a mammoth task (we go through about 1,000 food items a month) and our shopping crew deserve a lot of credit for keeping us supplied and containing the cost.

Our work continues thanks to the generosity of Trinity's congregation. We could not carry on without your donations and we hope you will continue to support this worthy outreach

Submitted by Jim Liddell

Financial Statement for Food Shelf Operating Account 2017

Bank Balance December 12, 2016		\$4120.21
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RECEIPTS:

From Trinity Food Shelf Account. June.	\$2000.00	
From Trinity Food Shelf Account. December	\$3000.00	
Total.	\$5000.00	
Total.		\$9120.21

EXPENDITURES:

To AOTS re Food Gift Cards.	\$3950.00	
Cheques for others buying food.	\$1395.66	
Total.	\$5345.66	
Bank Balance December 29, 2017		\$3774.55

Respectively Submitted by Doris-Rae Brownlee

Trinity Infant Food Shelf

The Trinity Infant Food Shelf operates every Wednesday from 11 am to 1 pm following the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (MotherCare) The Infant Food Shelf assists families on social assistance, disability pensions, as well as the working poor, with access to essential baby supplies on their monthly visit. Health education is also offered on Infant Nutrition, Safe Sleep, Child Development and Safety. It takes special people to be volunteers. They provide emotional support and offer encouragement to the caregivers by giving them positive reinforcement and good old motherly advice. Other special volunteers, knit, sew blankets, hats, mitts, and sleep sacks to promote safe sleep.

The cost to support each Infant monthly is \$65 dollars. Since the program started in September 2014 we have assisted over 200 Families. Currently we have 50 families registered and assist 10 families on the average weekly. This is only possible as a result of the generous financial support we receive both from Trinity Church and the community.

So what does this all mean? In our Community there are 200 babies who received a good nutritional start in life that helped to ensure strong brain development and healthy growth during that very important first year of life. We have also empowered their caregivers and helped them to become better parents. There are too many people to thank individually for the success of this program but I would like to name a few stars. Brenda Holbein (our shopper and bargain finder extraordinaire), Janice and Rae Brownlee, Barb Roberts, Linda Merkel, Jocelyn King, and Marianne Colquhoun who meet with the families and Sharon Liddell who has sewn over 50 sleep sacks.

Submitted by
Linda McLay Sheridan

The Gathering Place

Every Monday morning Trinity sponsors and provides three volunteers to serve breakfast at The Gathering Place. We also provide a team of six to prepare and serve lunch once a month. Many of our volunteers started when The Gathering Place opened 15 years ago. They are currently working on a new facility which will accommodate more clients as well as give the volunteers more space to work. This is a very worthwhile and much needed service to the community and our volunteers are very much appreciated.

Submitted by Jean Rideout.

Union Cemetery Report

Circa 1915, four North Bay churches, Trinity United, St. Andrew's United, Calvin Presbyterian and First Baptist, joined together and established the "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 operates under Rules and Regulations in accordance with Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations guidelines. The Cemetery is financially self-supporting with the exception of an annual donation of \$200.00 from each of the four member 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), David McKee - Treasurer (Calvin), Everette Armstrong - Secretary (1st Baptist), Ted Thompson (Calvin), Stuart Bailey (St. Andrew's), Rod Desjardin (St. Andrew's) and Ross Brewer (Trinity).

Statistics for 2017

Burials - 8 Casket, 18 Cremation: Plot Sales - 9 Casket, 2 Cremation.

Submitted by Ross Brewer

AOTS

We derive our name from the statement by Christ in Luke 22:27. "I am among you as one that serves. 2017 was a good year for our men's club. We have an active membership of 25 -26 men at any one meeting with 53 total registered members. There are several members from other churches thus strengthening our sense of community.

AOTS meets the first Saturday of the month for breakfast at 8 a.m. Following this, we assemble at Trinity for a business meeting and further fellowship. Some of the guest speakers for 2017: Glenn Whyte, owner of Odyssey Fluid Power; Pastor Herb Nye, (Hospital Chaplain); Cameron Sanders on drones; Canadian Sea Cadets Corps Brilliant, North Bay; Dave McKenney on Scouting; Eric Brownlee on the 15th World Scout Moot held in Iceland; Janice Brownlee on changes to the governance of the United Churches; Judi Rose on the Old Hay Bay Church.

Our main focus is on youth, both at Trinity and in the wider community. We provide funding for youth to attend Presbytery and Conference events, and help with Mustard Seed and Vacation Bible School. Our members regularly set up tables throughout the church for many different events working alongside the U.C.W. We host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Good Friday Breakfast, Ladies Night, Soup Tasting and helping with other events. Hams are sold for Easter and our Gift Card Sales raise between \$3-5000 a year. We have a program which sends Tim Horton's Gift Cards to our youth who are away at post-secondary education.

The best part of the AOTS is the camaraderie and company of good men. We have one of the most active AOTS groups in Ontario. It was my pleasure to be President this past year. We look forward to the leadership of Roman Rozicki in 2018. New members are always welcome, please consider joining us.

Yours in Christ,
Don Haslam, 2017 President

AOTS Financial Statement to 31 December 2017

Register Balance 1 January 2017	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	\$ 2,878.18
Breakfasts	\$ 2,670.00	\$ 2,486.84	\$ 183.16	
Gift Cards	\$ 124,726.50	\$ 120,347.41	\$ 4,379.09	
Pancakes	\$ 1,172.00	\$ 291.84	\$ 880.16	
Hams	\$ 4,815.60	\$ 2,997.00	\$ 1,818.60	
Good Friday	\$ 550.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (250.00)	
Sunrise	\$ 41.80	\$ 53.90	\$ (12.10)	
Donations	\$ 85.00	\$ 6,318.10	\$ (6,233.10)	
Ladies' Night	\$ 630.00	\$ 870.00	\$ (240.00)	
T Shirts	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,116.00	\$ (91.00)	
Memberships	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 140.00	
Totals	\$ 136,215.90	\$ 135,641.09	\$ 574.81	\$ 574.81
Bank/Register Balance 31 December 2017				\$ 3,452.99

In 2017 we supported the following projects

Mustard Seed Productions	\$200.00
Rendez Vous	\$525.00
No Casino Flyers	\$90.40
Executive	\$300.00
Senior's Luncheon	\$300.00
Contribution to General Funds	\$2,000.00
Train Carosel for SBC	\$100.00
Camp Tillicum	\$1,000.00
Hay Bay	\$500.00
Mothers Day Flowers	\$38.40
Picnic	\$64.30
Infant Food Shelf	\$1,000.00
Lunch for Apple Pies	\$200.00
Total	\$6,318.10

AOTS Budget 2017

	Receipts	Expenses	Difference
Breakfasts	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 100.00
Gift Cards	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 125,500.00	\$ 4,500.00
Pancakes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 320.00	\$ 880.00
Hams	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,000.00
Good Friday	\$ 600.00	\$ 800.00	\$ (200.00)
Sunrise	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00
Donations	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ (6,450.00)
Ladies' Night	\$ 650.00	\$ 900.00	\$ (250.00)
Memberships	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -
Totals	\$ 140,345.00	\$ 139,755.00	\$ 590.00

Respectfully submitted Bill Brownlee

4Trinity Fundraising Team

In March we sold Cob's Bakery Hot Cross Buns. Trinity folks were busy getting orders from neighbours, friends and co-workers. Profits from the sale of the hot cross buns was \$1,200.

The sale of Easter Games added \$250.

In May the Silent Auction, again with the generous support from the congregation, raised \$2,200. I want to thank all those who shared their talents, services and bidding skills to help make this such a success.

We have many talented men and women bakers here at Trinity. As a direct result of their donations of baking we raised \$1,300 with our Cookie Walk.

The total raised by 4Trinity's projects last year was \$4,900. All money raised went into the General Fund. Thank you to everyone within the Trinity community for supporting the 4Trinity Fundraising Team this past year.

Submitted by Barb Roberts on behalf of the 4Trinity Fundraising Team

Prayer Shawl Report

It has been a privilege for many of the ladies at Trinity to create the Prayer Shawls. The comfort they give to the lonely, bereaved, and ill is welcome. They give those people the realization that many people do care about them. As news travels through the congregation, the hugs that are exchanged physically can also be transferred by the coziness of a Prayer Shawl. As the ladies make these shawls, they pray for comfort and understanding for these friends.

The Baptism Blankets provide an excellent opportunity for the congregation to connect with the child and their family. It is our hope that when the family sees the blanket they will remember the Baptism promises, and the special connection their child has with Trinity United.

We have adopted the habit of giving a Shawl or Lap Robe to newly received members. It is our hope that this gesture will help welcome the new friend to Trinity, and bring the realization that Trinity is a caring congregation.

Many of you have donated wool to the Prayer Shawl group. We thank you for your generosity. Sometimes it takes a while for your donation to be used. We ask your indulgence if it does not appear at the next blessing.

Many Shawls and Lap Robes have been made and given to people in need of support. We will continue to create these things of beauty with prayers. We hope that as the need arises, you will speak to Wanda at the office. She can direct you to the cupboard where they are stored.

Respectfully Submitted, with Blessings,
Judy Biondi, Leader

UCW Report

As I return to Trinity UCW after an "absence" to be President of Conference UCW, I was honoured as I thought about the trust that I was given to fulfil that office. As I have said many times, it was a joyful opportunity.

Trinity UCW is a dedicated group of ladies who aspire to spread God's message to other people. They do this through donations to many local charities, and support in person and in spirit those who have been bereaved, are ill, or who have other problems.

Money is raised through catering, and donations. As we work away in the kitchen, there is a fellowship present that we all enjoy. It is not something that is tangible, but a feeling of cohesiveness friendship, and compassion that exists amongst the ladies. Even though a lot may not be raised by a particular effort, the "fellowship of the kitchen" is a cherished part of the work.

These active ladies knit, crochet, bake, sew, and strive to keep Trinity alive as an integral part of both the Christian, and secular communities. By just being themselves, they spread the good news among all the people they "touch" with a smile, or a warm hello. It is an honour and a privilege to be their president.

As we look forward to 2018, we have the opportunity to continue with the efforts that the ladies, so graciously, strive to complete. I would like to thank ALL the ladies in the congregation who have helped us immeasurably with our projects. Without your assistance, much would not get done.

May the year that lies ahead be lit with the brilliancy of a star like the one that first Christmas long ago.

Merry Christmas, and Blessings to all.
Judy Biondi, President

UCW Treasurer's Report 2017

Balance in Register	6080.16
Receipts	
Offerings	3855.00
Monthly Luncheons	4834.70
Sunday Luncheons	1313.80
Funeral and Party Catering	2285.00
Tea and Bazaar	3116.90
Donations	2336.75
	17742.15
	23822.31
Disbursements	
Mission and Service	3200.00
Presbyterial Dues	300.00
Trinity Official Board	3250.00
Lift Maintenance	1000.00
Guest Speakers	250.00
Guest Minister Supply	200.00
Life Membership Pins	120.00
Bank Charges	26.25
Christmas Plates	150.00
Gifts(Christmas)	410.00
Bazaar and Kitchen Expenses	529.17
Food Expenses(Catering and monthly luncheons)	2019.15
Christmas Gift Bags	100.00
Trinity Food Shelf	400.00
Donations	
Trinity Food Shelf	400.00
Trinity Infant Food Shelf	200.00
Mustard Seed	200.00
Huntington University Building Fund	300.00
VON Meals on Wheels	100.00
Bible Society	50.00
Packsac Smiles	500.00
North Bay Regional Health Centre	200.00
Nipissing Serenity Hospice	200.00
Hilde Toll Fund	100.00
Vacation Bible Camp	200.00
Family breakdown	200.00
Bank Balance December 29 2017	6456.41
Uncleared cheques ?	

SCOUTS CANADA – 1ST NORTH BAY

The year started out with 45 youth in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturer programs. Our youth are kept very busy with the help of 15 wonderfully dedicated leaders.

Our Beaver program was lead by Dave McKenney, assisted by Ryan Rozicki, Joe Bradbury and Eric Brownlee. Ryan took the time out of his schedule to go to southern Ontario for further training. This training helps with programming and leadership. In June with the loss of cub leaders, Dave decided to return to his roots at the Cub level. Thank you, Dave. In September Ryan took over the reins of the Beavers, along with two new leaders Stephanie Bailey, and Joanne Kristolaitis. These three are doing a wonderful job of keeping our youth happy and busy.

The Cub program was lead by David Borosch, assisted by Jose Libreiro, and Jared Horseman. We were very sorry to lose long time leader Roxanne Ferguson. This lively group of children were given lots of opportunity and guidance. In September the three remaining leaders all had new things to do. This is when Dave McKenney, and Joe Bradbury moved up to the cub program, David Borosch remained as a leader with less involvement. Eric Brownlee has also joined the cub program, he seems to like this level and the kids love him.

The Scout program was lead by Angus Simpson assisted by Ken Norman, Dizzy Castle, Crystal Norman, and Kelly Miles. In June Angus return to his roots of Scotland. The remaining leaders have stayed on with the addition of Kirk Lashbrook. The youth in this program do many exciting activities with lots of camping and outdoor activities.

Our fundraising activities keep us busy as well, this helps us supplement the programs and youth that we have in our care. We would like to thank the people and families of Trinity for all their support in all our endeavors.

As we go forward into another year of fun and excitement I would like to thank all the leaders both past and present for their dedication. Bill Brownlee still keeps a close eye on us and is always there to help. Thanks Bill. Anne Graham-Hutchison was stepped back as Group Commissioner. Thank you, Anne, for your help. Rob Brownlee and I will Do Our Best to keep 1st North Bay the best that it is.

Submitted by Anna Wright

Scouts Canada - First North Bay

Financial Statement to 31 December 2017

Register Balance 01 January 2017				5,529.95
	Income	Expense	Profit/(Loss)	
Fund Raiser: Apple Day	\$2,090.49	\$0.00	\$2,090.49	
Boston Pizza	\$303.58	\$0.00	\$303.58	
Popcorn	\$4,722.75	\$2,381.65	\$2,341.10	
Syrup	\$6,863.25	\$6,026.75	\$836.50	
Other Fund Raisers	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	
Donation	157.35	0	\$157.35	
Registration	\$1,801.28	\$1,120.00	\$681.28	
Equipment	\$0.00	\$607.58	(\$607.58)	
Activities	925.52	2,746.23	(\$1,820.71)	
Administration	\$0.00	356.22	(\$356.22)	
Badges	\$0.00	85.46	(\$85.46)	
Bank Charges	\$0.00	62.06	(\$62.06)	
Training	0	213.50	(\$213.50)	
Totals	\$16,889.22	\$13,599.45	\$3,289.77	\$3,289.77
Register Balance 31 December 2017				\$8,819.72

Youth and Young Adults

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

Youth at Trinity participate in the activities of the wider Church attending such events as Worshiplude, Manitou Youth Forum, the Niagara Youth Conference and this past summer’s Rendezvous (see a report from Carrie Graham on this event).

The Youth Group provides a major outreach project each Christmas. The Christmas Bag Out-reach project provides over 150 Christmas bags for youth and adults in our community. This year the bags were delivered to North Bay Regional Health Centre for patients in the Mental Health Units, as well as the Long Term Care facility, The Crisis Centre (Futures and Four Elms Residences), Nipissing Attendance Centre, Youth Outreach, Ojibway Women’s Lodge 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 Sharen Liddell for sewing hundreds of hats and mitts as well as shopping for a variety of items – thanks also to Ryan Rozicki, Don and Jean Rideout, Cindy Brownlee, the Youth Group members for all their help shopping, sewing, and packing.

Thank-you to the Trinity Congregation for their support as always!

Submitted by Lisa Blais

Tuesday Morning Coffee Group

Each Tuesday, throughout the school year, the group meets for coffee or tea, fellowship and fun. This year the coffee group has 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! The cost of running the program is covered through the weekly fee, donations and the occasional Fundraiser!

The group is led by Christine Kuehl and her leadership is appreciated. Sincere thanks to the wonderful caregiver Marcel MacDonald for providing a fun, safe and stimulating environment for the children.

All women are invited to come out anytime – on a regular or occasional basis. Look for us on Facebook or pick up a seasonal schedule from the table outside the church office.

Income		Expenses	
Program fees and donations	\$1688.45	Babysitters/supplies	\$1719.37
Balance in Account:	\$1070.06		

Submitted by Lisa Blais

Apple Pie Project 2017

Once again, the Apple Pie Project was a success. The church was buzzing with activity from assembling dry pastry and spice bags on August 28 to pie bottom rolling on September 11 and 12. Pie making began with 100 bushels of apples picked on September 30, washed on October 1 and by the end of the day on Thursday October 5, 1720 pies were finished and delivered (except for a few in the freezer). Volunteers numbered between 50 and 100. Lunches were shared, laughing was heard, and the kitchen counters were covered with flour.

Donations:	\$ 3,613.00
Pie Expenses:	\$ 2,300.00
Net Income:	\$15,271.00

Recommended for Apple Pie Project 2018, the price of pies will increase to \$10.00. This will generate a bit more income and make the collection of money a bit easier. Also, we need to buy a new freezer, as one of the freezers is no longer working.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Laferriere

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship started out with a flurry of Thomas Jefferson dinners, dinners and discussions about how to make Trinity sustainable. It was incredible to connect with our community and this continues to inspire us.

This fall, the team was heavily involved in the creation of the photo directory. Of course, we used this opportunity to drive more PAR signups with our Free Photo for PAR campaign.

As a new year begins, we're focused on connecting with donors to continue providing financially for Trinity and finding ways to promote our services and groups to the North Bay community. John and Barb Roberts are joining us and will be continuing to pour their energies into fundraising.

We look forward to another year of giving and transformation!

The Stewardship Committee
Submitted by Wesley Johnson

Vacation Bible Camp

From July 24th – 28th over 50 children and their helpers discovered how to be a real life super hero at our Super Hero Training Camp. Each day we were visited by North Bay's very own super hero Shad-man! We are very grateful that Shad-Man was able to join us each day to teach us how to develop our Super Hero skills! The children also had the opportunity to learn about *Courage, Helpfulness, Altruism and Determination*, through bible stories and activities.

I would like to extend deep gratitude to my co-creators Marcel MacDonald and Carrie Graham for helping envision and organize our fun and exciting VBC program each summer. I would also like to offer a heartfelt thank-you to Hannah McCallum, Joe Drinkwalter, and Samantha St Pierre for their leadership in crafts, games, experiments, and cooking. Huge thanks also to Janice Brownlee, Jean Mitchell and all the many people who helped out each day in the kitchen feeding our hungry crew! Thanks to our youth volunteers for their leadership, enthusiasm and help: Colton Chaput, Robert Leitner, Eve Harrison, Emilie Harrison, Heidi Yarlasky, Mirja and Jacob Little. Thanks also to Ryan Rozicki for cleaning up after us and lending a hand whenever we needed it and to Eric and Rob Brownlee for their willingness to help us out with our amateur movie making.

We are fortunate that year after year, the Mayor's Office and Twiggs allow us to use their locations for our VBC videos! Gratitude also to the Heritage Railway and Carousel for accommodating our very large and enthusiastic group! Last but not least, heartfelt thanks to you, the Trinity family, for supporting this amazing outreach year after year!

Income from donations and registrations	\$3,365.00	
Expenses – honorariums and supplies	\$1,840.00	Balance \$1,525.00

Submitted by Lisa Blais

Mustard Seed

Bravo Mustard Seed on a fantastic run! In 2017 Mustard Seed put on two shows: "Godspell" and "Malice in the Palace". Cast members ranged in ages from 5 to 17. We are thrilled that "senior" Mustard Seed Players continue to dedicate their time to support the younger players in their productions - it truly takes a village! Special thanks to the following people: Darlene Laferriere, Robert Leitner, Brenda McLay, Betty Farris, Jim Liddell, Hannah McCallum, Caroline Harrison, Joe Drinkwalter, Heidi Yarlasky, Karen Schiavone, Chris Clarke, Mark Robinson, Marcel MacDonald, Michelina Beam, Dave McKenney, Ryan Rozicki, Don Rideout, Jodi St Pierre, Shirley Thom and all the people who helped lug stage pieces and distributed posters. Special thanks to the AOTS and UCW who were our show sponsors. Thanks to Trinity United Church community for supporting this wonderful ministry!

The Mustard Seed Players in 2017 were: Robert Leitner, Nick Boegel, Hannah McCallum, Joe Drinkwalter, Heidi Yarlasky, Samantha St Pierre, Andrew Robinson, Beatrice Lloyd, Colton Chaput, and Madison Irvine for "Godspell" and Amelia MacDonald, Rowan MacDonald, Eve Harrison, Erin Harrison, Andrew Whitehead, Michael Miller, Beatrice Lloyd, Braunwyn McKenney, Erin Harrison, Kaydence Einarson, Katie Lashbrook, Michael Miller, Jared Johnson, Sophia Karasseva, Michelle Johnson, Rose Brandt, George Brandt, Reagan Bursey, Joshua Peddie, Carley Bruner, Nevaeh Einarson and Sydney Bruner for "Malice in the Palace".

Total Revenue 2017 - \$5,715.00 Total Expenditures 2017 - \$2714.29 Deferred Total—\$3,000.71
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Trinity Families

Trinity Families continues to offer many activities to members at the church. The Facebook page continues to be the main means of informing members of activities throughout the community, organizing outings and events. Partly because of VBC, Mustard Seed, an amazing Sunday School and the various events Trinity Families organizes, we feel the group is meeting the needs of the families and is succeeding in its mandate to make new families feel welcome, draw them in with fun, affordable activities and provide them a positive social environment in the church.

Activities Included:

- Bi-weekly board-game night
- an Outdoor Movie Night
- Annual Halloween Costume Party
- Paint Night
- Trinity Children singing with Chris Vega in the Lions Club Christmas telethon
- Shad-Man T-shirts
- Trinity Families Summer Camping at Lake Bernard

Once again, there were Four larger events that were organized:

- Annual Red Hot Chili Competition: The Chili competition was attended by approximately seventy people who enjoyed delicious chili and great music. Thanks to Brian Risk who organized all the music.
- Santa Claus Parade was enjoyed on comfy couches along the parade route, along with hot chocolate and a hot-dog lunch
- The Christmas Walk Dinner: As has been our tradition, Trinity Families hosted a chili and baked potato dinner before the Tree lighting down-town.
- Trinity Families organized its 2nd Family Retreat Weekend.

This was, again, an amazing success! It was a wet, mild weekend enjoyed by several families - about sixty participants in all. Activities included: trust games, arts and crafts, a wolf-howl , a winter carnival, a late-night sing-along and board games and a hike up to the Spirit Point look-out. Even though Spirit Point offered Trinity an excellent deal for the rental of the facilities, registration fees only covered about half the cost. Because of this Trinity Families has held several fundraisers to meet the expenses and we raised the fee slightly.

Submitted by Marcel MacDonald



Trinity Arts Report for 2017

Membership:



Our flexible membership has primarily included Nancy Dewar-Stenning, Darlene Laferriere, Rod Carley, Lisa Blais, Rev. Ted, Michelina Beam, Marcel McDonald, and other supporters from in and beyond the church.

Mandate:

'Using the many blessings of the Trinity church family to enrich life and faith through the arts.' With a colourful and varied history, Trinity Arts inherits the legacy of the "Trinity Players," who used Trinity's people and facilities for local theatre productions. Trinity Arts exists 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. Events have included concerts, visual arts, and drama. Lately we've cooperated closely with "Mustardseed," "The Hosts" band, and several arts organizations (see below).

2017 Projects included:

- The January Trinity Coffeehouse;
- Hosting concerts (e.g. Michael White);
- Hosting the summer 2017 pre-production of the Proscenium Club's "Life and Death of John the Milkman" (with a special on-site preview show which netted Trinity \$500)
- "A Canadian Christmas" with music from the "Dreamcoat" Choir (a fundraiser for the Gathering Place).

"Romeo + Juliet" – May 2017

- We hosted the "Watershed" production of "Romeo + Juliet" for ten shows, directed by Rod Carley, with a cast of 19, involving a temporary but impressive transformation of Trinity's sanctuary space
- As with "King Lear," plays for the public were complemented by a concert event, an afternoon lecture series, and a month's Sunday worship took on related themes, enriched by references to Shakespeare, and the enthusiastic participation of the production team and actors
- The production utilized a co-op financial model whereby incurred costs were covered by the Watershed budget. The church also received approximately \$1100 from the final charitable matinee. Each actor/production co-op member profited a modest \$166 each.

Some Additional Notes:

- The 2015 "King Lear" and the 2017 "Romeo + Juliet" established Trinity as a great friend of the arts in North Bay, open to experimenting with creative partnerships.
- The anticipation of further hosting collaborations spurred Trinity Arts to work with the Building and Grounds committee on a new clear and comprehensive space rental fee structure that has been adopted by the Trinity Board, effective January 2018. This new structure allows for different fees, based on the nature of the space use, the benefits of collaboration, and whether the collaborative partners have a charitable or for-profit status
- Trinity Arts is working towards firmer policy around loaning and tracking church A/V equipment
- In collaboration with "The Hosts," Trinity Arts has begun a "soft" effort at raising money towards a "Cushy Tushy" fund to pad Trinity's pews
- We look forward to cooperation with the Dressing Room Collective's production of "Nonsense," which Trinity is hosting in April/May of 2018

Respectfully submitted with deep gratitude to our church community—where music, art, drama and creativity are always enthusiastically welcomed! *Rev. Ted for Trinity Arts*

