Trinity United Church
2018 Annual Report

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"Sharing Fruit":
A Reflection from Rev. Ted

There are many Christian Missionaries in the world who share precious little about their Christianity.

For instance, educational and medical missionaries have long been tolerated in non-religious countries-- places like North Korea. Their helping expertise and their spiritual commitment make them a reliable asset for the sick, suffering, and poor. But they abide by a simple expectation: They will not spread their religion. They will not proselytize, they will not pray or worship publicly. They will simply not talk about their faith--although of course they share the fruits of that faith: in the form of sacrificial service, caring for others, and giving of their resources and know-how.

Many of these missionaries have learned to really love this 'anonymous' service. Instead of talking about God's love, they are engaged whole-heartedly in the work of God's love. It's not about explaining or defending church, but demonstrating it! Effectively, the words "church," "faith," and "love" become more verb than noun. About these missionaries, Jesus would probably say that it is, *"by their fruits you shall know them."*

In Canada we enjoy remarkable freedoms of faith, speech, and association—and at Trinity we often love to chat energetically (and sometimes at great length!) about the nitty-gritty of our faith: about scripture, history, belief, sacred music, church governance and ethos.

But come to our community events and you may meet something else. Come to our dinners, our coffeehouse, our plays, our concerts, bazaars, teas, and picnics. You will find a different spirit there. Of course we may occasionally say grace before we eat, the music may include some beloved Gospel numbers, our dramas are often steeped in biblical themes—but mostly what you will meet of church, faith, and love *is their fruit*. You will meet people who can laugh at themselves, adventurous people who are generous and appreciative, a community which values diversity, and supports one another. A family who will hold space for you regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey. At Trinity, we can talk about Jesus, *but sometimes we just want to practice being more like him.*

Thank you for being like Jesus in 2018. Thank you for sharing that fruit,

. . . from the Designated Lay Minister

Annual Report time can be a challenging time. It is hard to take pause and reflect on the year that was when you are busy working on the year that is to be! That being said, I think it is good spiritual practice to spend some time taking inventory of the past year: to recall some of the highlights; to reflect on some of the challenges; to look back and see what has been accomplished and where energies have been spent; and to decide what needs to be let go of. It is a good way to unpack and re-organize for the year ahead. Some of you may know of Marie Kondo, a guru in the world of de-cluttering - when deciding what to keep or get rid of, she asks us to consider the question: "Does it spark joy?" Perhaps this is a good practice for us to keep in our personal lives as well. It frees up space to spend time on the things that are truly important to us.

What *sparks joy* most in my day to day job, is the opportunity to work with and for the members of our Trinity community. I am grateful for those who are so willing to collaborate and develop activities and programs for a wide variety of people. I look forward each year to developing a Vacation Bible Camp program with Marcel MacDonald, along with support of our Summer Student (this past year was Clara Clark) 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 Cotton Patch Gospel and Free to Be. I also have the wonderful opportunity of working with Carling Lutecki, Marcel MacDonald, Rev. Ted and others to put together a fun and meaningful winter retreat for Trinity Families. 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 the Niagara Youth Festival (a gathering of United Church Youth) where we heard inspired speakers, danced on pews and enjoyed the sights in and around the Niagara region. Cindy Brownlee and I had the wonderful opportunity to lead a workshop entitled "Kitchen Party Bible Study" for our second time! I also enjoyed being part of local arrangements team for Manitou Youth Forum and the Manitou Conference (final) General Meeting.

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 your year ahead be filled with laughter, love, peace and God's abundant grace and may it spark joy!

Lisa

...from the Chair of the Board

This past year has been another busy year for Trinity United Church. Each group continues to be active with fundraising and fun! There are so many people to thank for their participation and hard work. This was my first year serving on the Board and I received so much support that it made the job of Board Chair much easier. The committees are diligent in their work and it keeps the church business running smoothly. It's exciting to see the church so filled with activity from the youngest members in the nursery to the children in Sunday school and Mustard Seed, to our fabulous music programs, our social events, our worship and of course our great food. There is something for everyone. I have been honoured to serve this year.

Many Blessings: Darlene Laferriere

Trinity's Senior Choir

Our Trinity Senior Choir has enjoyed providing music on a regular basis for weekly worship services and various other special church events during 2018. During Lent and in the fall, members of the Choir participated with the Pastoral Care Committee in Communion Services at local Seniors' homes, sharing our faith through music. Many of our members joined with the Emmanuel Church Choir for the joint United Church churches' Good Friday Service.

The Senior Choir welcomed new members and additional choristers for some special occasions during the year. The choir roster now numbers 34! A highlight was the impromptu massed choir at Easter to share Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with the congregation!

We are grateful to the following Trinity and community instrumentalists who have enriched our music: Karen Brophy, Brenda McLay, Melissa Pajunen & Lillian Roberts - piano and organ; Laura Farris Einarson & Amanda Silk – flute; Lisa Fettes - clarinet; Eric Brownlee – bass clarinet; Jennifer Hedican &Kay Heuer – violin; Don Clysdale – viola; Roselyn Heuer – cello; Marcel Macdonald, Diana Reed & Victoria Wickett – trumpet; Doug Nichol – french horn; Kevin Smith, Diana Reed & Dave Wilks - trombone; Rob Farris – tuba; Marcel Macdonald – guitar; Chris Clarke, Rowan Macdonald, Peggy Millar, Judy Smith & Matthew Whitehead – percussion.

The highlight of our choir Christmas season was the presentation on Christmas Sunday of a beautiful cantata, "One Silent Night". This special ballad of love and joy touched many lives. It was supported by 14 instrumentalists. We hope to have a DVD recording available soon.

Our Senior Choir thanks the congregation for their continued support and we look forward to sharing our faith through music with you all in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Farris, Minister of Music

Our Church Membership

IN MEMORIAM

Carrol Middlemass	January 1
Geraldine McCauley	January 7
William Depencier	January 18
Ethel Miller	January 18
Gord Robinson	January 23
Elizabeth Mellow	February 1
Dorothy MacInnes	February 8
Mildred Elliott	February 26
Dorothy Hutchins	March 13
Bud Chapman	March 14
Brenda Koivisto	April 4
Floyd MacMillan	April 11
Jessie Banks	May 5
Ann Forrest	May 5
Ken Whitehead	July 8
Ngan Hong	October 4
Bob Milne	October 14
Molly Zufelt	December 16
Arndt von Holtzendorff	December 17

STATISTICS

Resident and non-resident membership as of December 31, 2017	482
Received by profession of faith	0
Received by transfer	3
Total received in 2018	3
Removed by death	8
Removed by session	0
Removed by unknown residency	0
Removed by transfer	0
Total Removed in 2018	8
Net	3
Resident and non-resident membership as of December 31, 2018	485

Resident 362 Non-Resident 123

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Baptisms	4	11	5	8	3	6	0
Marriages	9	6	2	8	5	1	3
Funerals	12	12	9	13	8	12	17

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2018

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting of Trinity United Church held in the Sunday School Room following lunch on Sunday, February 25, 2018 with 51 persons in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by the Past Chairperson Kirk Ready (substituting for the chair Dave McKenney) at 12:15 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 led us in the gathering worship. We joined together in singing

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in the place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us justice, send us power, send us faith.

ELECTION of RECORDING SECRETARY: Moved by John Sheridan/Mike Bugo that Janice Brownlee be appointed the Recording Secretary for this meeting. CARRIED

CORRESPONDING MEMBERSHIP/VOTING PRIVILEGES: Moved by John Roberts/Cindy Brownlee 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 2017 and following a moment of silence he led us in prayer.

REVIEW of AGENDA: Moved by Doug Bott Baxter/Maurice Laporte that the agenda be accepted as presented. CARRIED

MINUTES: Moved by Sandy Rozicki/Gladys Banks-Bryer that the minutes (page 5-7 of the Annual Report) of the February 26, 2017 annual congregational meeting be accepted as printed. CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

REPORTS for the YEAR 2017:

REVIEWER'S REPORT: Rick Shaver reported that he and Brad Stunning have reviewed all the financial statements that appear in the annual report and have been found to reflect the financial position of each of these committees.
MOTION: Moved by Roman Roziki/Bob Cook that the Reviewers' report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

APPOINTMENT of REVIEWERS for the Year 2018.
MOTION: Moved by Bob Cooney/John Sheridan that the Reviewers for 2018 be Brad Stenning and Rick Shaver. CARRIED

FINANCIAL REPORTS: John Roberts reviewed the financial summary report for 2017. He 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 comments and questions.
MOTION: Moved by Maurice Laporte /Rob Brownlee that the financial report for 2017 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

PROPOSED BUDGET for 2018: A summary of the proposed budget 2018 was presented.
The floor was opened for questions and discussion.
MOTION TO ACCEPT THE BUDGET: Moved by Brenda Holbein/Eunice Laporte that the proposed budget for 2018 be accepted. CARRIED

SIGNING AUTHORITY FOR 2018
MOTION: Moved by Don Haslam/Maurice Laporte that any 2 of the following Board Members be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of Trinity United Church in 2018: Chair, Vice-Chair, Past Chair, Treasurer, Recording Secretary. CARRIED

Board Members with signing authority (any 2 must sign cheques)
Chair – Darlene Laferriere, Vice-chair -, Past Chair – Dave McKenney, Recording Secretary – Janice Brownlee, Treasurer – Michelina Beam, Office Administrator – Wanda Gleason.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS: Ad Hoc Committee is proposing changes to the wording of 8.4 that will allow flexibility in the scheduling of the AGM. "**The Annual Congregational Meeting shall be the annual business meeting of the congregation. It should be held as soon as reasonably possible after the last day of December and generally no later than the last Sunday in February of the ensuing year."**
MOTION: Moved by John Roberts/Michelina Beam that the above changes to the Trinity Constitution be adopted, as presented. CARRIED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
Request that Bob Cook assume the chair position while Kirk Ready gives the Nominating Committee report was agreed to by consensus.
The following individuals have completed their terms and are retiring from the board: Bob Cook, Peter Mosely -Williams, Pat Smith, Barb Roberts, Rob Farris, John Roberts, Doris Rae Brownlee, Sandra Brownlee, Melissa Peddie, Heather Shouse have resigned from their positions on the board.
The following individuals have agreed to serve a second 3 year term: Brad Stenning, Bonnie Beam, Keeling Little.
The following individuals are nominated to the Board for a term ending in 2021: Carolyn Crawford, Natalya Brown, Brenda Holbein, John Haflidson, Claudette Brown, Bonnie Rae Bailey, Irma Benard.
The following individuals are nominated to the Trustees for a term ending in 2023: Don Bain, Sue Elliott.
Chair: Darlene Laferriere
Vice-Chair: TBA
The Chairperson opened the meeting for nominations from the floor. None were received.

MOTION: Moved by Ryan Rozicki/Mike Bugo that the nomination of members as presented be approved as the Board of Trinity United Church for 2018. CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Roman Rozicki/John Haflidson that the Board be empowered to fill any vacancies that may occur throughout the year and to present those names for approval at the next AGM. CARRIED

MOTION: moved by John Sheridan/Gladys Banks-Bryer that letters of appreciation be sent by the recording secretary on behalf of the Board to its retiring members. CARRIED

MOTION: Moved by Maurice Laporte/John Roberts that the report of the nominating committee be accepted and the nominating committee be dissolved with thanks. CARRIED

REMAINDER OF ANNUAL REPORT 2017: Appreciation was expressed to Ross Brewer for putting the report together.

MOTION: Moved by Rae Brownlee/Diane Cook that the TUC Annual Report 2017 be accepted as presented. CARRIED

Kirk Ready was thanked for chairing the meeting in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

INSTALLATION of CHAIRPERSON: The new chair will be formally installed at an upcoming regular Sunday service at Trinity United Church.

ADJOURNMENT: Having completed the business before us Kirk Ready asked for a motion of adjournment. John Sheridan moved the adjournment of the meeting at 1:30 pm. The meeting was closed with Rev. Ted offering a benediction.

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Recording Secretary Chairperson

Christian Education & Outreach

Christian Education and Outreach is a large part of the life of the church community and family at Trinity. This 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 projects and 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 Co-Superintendents Carling Luteki and Marcel MacDonald, youth reps Jeff Mailloux and Eric Brownlee, as well as Linsey Mutch, Caroline Harrison, Diane Cook, and Sue Whitehead.

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 which was held in June and included a picnic after church at the waterfront. It was fairly well attended considering it was a cold and rainy day. The committee also oversees the Rally Back Picnic in September and 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 $764.00 which was donated to the Food Shelf; Thanksgiving brought in $1133.55 for the Food Shelf and the White Gift which helped to provide 150 Christmas bags to those in need in our community.

The CE committee was pleased to be able to support the many new ideas and initiatives brought forward by members of our church community. This included a well-attended and messy Messy Church and periodic games nights. We are also pleased that Shad-Man still call Trinity home and finds his ways to special events. The sale of Trinity Shad-man T-shirts has expanded to include additional items such as tote bags and baseball caps with the proceeds 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

Pastoral Care & Visiting

In 2018 we held Spring and Fall communion services at Cassellholme, the Empire Living Centre and Marina Point. Our sincere thanks to Rev. Ted, and to Betty Farris and the choir for their special contributions which make this time so meaningful for the residents. We continued to visit the nursing homes and hospital on a weekly to bi-weekly basis and, by request, to do home visits with those who wanted to retain their contact with the church.

At Trinity, birthdays are always worthy of celebration. When people of the Trinity family reach or surpass the age of 90, there has been a tradition of offering a special birthday visit to mark the occasion and pay tribute to this person's life. This past year there were 26 people on our list. Richard Smith and Maurice Laporte enjoyed representing Trinity on many of the occasions, but there were others who made visits as well.

Part of the program is to deliver to each person a beautifully personalized birthday card designed and printed by Bill Brownlee. The cards are always appreciated and photos of the stained-glass windows are pleasant reminders of Trinity church. When possible, Richard also brings his harp and shares a few songs. It is always a delightful time of sharing life, laughter and stories of past adventures. It is also an opportunity to communicate special blessings as part of our faith community.

In 2018 we had the special privilege of sharing in the celebration of 100 years with Molly Zufelt, Pearl Salmon and Peggy Hart. We are always eager to know of others who are approaching the age of 90. If you know of someone who could be added to our list, please notify the church office.

We 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; Carolyn Crawford; Dainty dePencier; Rob Farris; Wanda Gleason; Maurice Laporte; Ruth McKinnon; Shirley Myre; John Sheridan; Richard Smith; and Shirley Tayler.

As we step down from co-chairing this committee, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a positive and encouraging group. Thank you so much for your help and support. We welcome Richard Smith and Ruth McKinnon as the new committee co-chairs.

Respectfully,
Noreen Brewer & Claudette dePencier.

Finance

Thank you for your generous financial donations to Trinity in 2018. As you probably know, your offerings account for about 70% of the church's total income. Thank you also to the UCW, AOTS and J.O.Y. Band groups for their important contributions to 2018 income. And of course a very special thanks to all the folks involved in fund-raising activities, including apple pies, soup tasting, talent night, silent auctions and various 4 Trinity events.

As of today, the 2018 financial statements are not quite finalized. They will, however, be presented in final form, along with the 2019 budget, at the congregational annual meeting on February 24th. With regards to 2018 expenses, I believe it is safe to say that they should be fairly close to budget and that no major unpleasant surprise costs were incurred.

The Finance and Stewardship Committee was involved in several initiatives during the year. One of the initiatives was establishing a system to facilitate electronic donations on our website. People can now make a donation with their credit card from any location where they have internet access. It is hoped that this may appeal to former Trinity members living elsewhere or those folks who are more comfortable making electronic payments than writing cheques and mailing them.

Another initiative was a Stewardship Promotion Campaign awarding cookies to people who signed up for PAR or increased their PAR offerings. The campaign was successful as eight people increased their PAR offerings and two people signed up for PAR.

Progress was made on a third initiative involving opening a direct investing account to enable the church to accept investments, such as stocks or bonds, from church members or other donors. This will provide a new potential source of income for the church and a major tax advantage for donors who choose this approach. The committee hopes to have the new account operating within two months.

The members of your Finance and Stewardship Committee were: Bill Brownlee, Michelina Beam, Natalya Brown, John Haflidson, Brenda Holbein, Wes Johnson, Maurice Laporte and Jean Mitchell. Our envelope secretary and PAR administrator is Wanda Gleason and our treasurer is Michelina Beam. We are grateful to all these people, plus the tellers and ushers who handle the offerings, for their contribution to our congregation.

Respectfully submitted by John Haflidson

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee's goal is for Trinity to cover its basic finances with regular giving, leaving fundraising for special or charitable projects. In the fall, we focused on adding new PAR members and encouraging increased donations through "Cookies for PAR" where we gave free cookies to members who joined or increased PAR.

Our church community is very dedicated to giving financially and serving others. Most people are very willing to increase their giving, and our job is to make this easy and fun. So be on the lookout for our future "Pizza for PAR" event!

Thank you for your generosity.

Submitted by Wesley Johnson

Ministry & Personnel

We at Trinity are extremely fortunate in having staff personnel that work well for us, with us and also with each other. All go beyond their required work to keep the church family humming.

Our 2018 committee members included Debby Clark, Anna Wright, John Peddie and Bryan Boothe with Don Haslam and Brad Stenning as co-chairs.

As a committee our responsibilities are to provided consultation and support for matters involving staff when needed.

This includes overseeing the relationship of staff to each other and to the congregation, regular reviews of their working conditions, responsibilities and their compensation. "Checking in" just to see how things are is most important. We also facilitate their performance reviews and where applicable encourage them to take advantage of continuing education opportunities.

We thank the congregation for their continuing support of the programs and initiatives that our staff undertake in the life and work of Trinity United Church.

Submitted by Don Haslam & Brad Stenning

Worship

Committee Members: Rev. Dr. Ted Harrison, Gladys Banks-Bryer, Bonnie Rae Bailey, Claudette Brown, Roxanne Chartrand, Marlene Little, Shirley Myre, Jean Rideout, Judi Rose and 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 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 prepare the elements before each Communion service. We also assist with the Baptism services.

In Rev. Ted's absence, the UCW led the service on April 15th as did the AOTS on November 25th.

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, John and Barb Roberts 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. Betty often invites musicians from the J.O.Y. Band all of whom add so much to the already beautiful music. One of the Christmas Season's musical offerings is the Choir's Cantata. The music was wonderful and was very well received by the congregation. We wish to thank Betty for her love of music and the commitment she brings each Sunday.

We again enjoyed the Sunday School's Christmas production "The Christmas Animals" 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 Andrews 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.

We are truly blessed to have Rev. Ted as our Minister. He challenges us to move forward in our own spiritual journey. Whether it is bringing your stuffed animals to church, Halloween Sunday, Robbie Burns' Sunday or Advent and Lent; he is most creative when presenting his messages, and usually delivers them with a sense of humour. There is always something for everyone and 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 support and commitment.

Lastly, I would like to thank the committee members for their dedication and ongoing work of this committee. Special thanks go out to Roxanne Chartrand and Sandra Rozicki who will be leaving the committee. Their commitment for many years has been amazing. I also will be leaving this committee after 15 years. It has been a privilege to serve on the Worship Committee with a very committed group of people.

Respectfully,
Gladys Banks-Bryer, Chairperson

Apple Pies

This year we made 1653 pies with revenue of around $15,000. There are still some glitches to work out with the ordering process. Also, the number of pies made, exceeded the energy level of the volunteers. Next year we will return to a goal of 1500 pies. This will decrease our revenue, but will protect our volunteers. We rely on between 40-70 volunteers for this project.

There are too many helpers to thank including those who buy supplies, pick apples, wash apples, make pastry, fill spice bags, peel apples, assemble pies, sell pies, and prepare meals for the volunteers and so on.

Darlene Laferriere aka "Pie Woman"

Presbytery Representatives

The past year has been a time of transitioning for North Bay Presbytery and for Manitou Conference. North Bay Presbytery was established at the time of the formation of the United Church of Canada. Initially the Presbytery was part of Toronto Conference. In 1975, North Bay Presbytery joined Temiskaming, Cochrane and Sudbury Presbyteries to form Manitou Conference.

Now the United Church is changing it governance structure by eliminating Presbyteries and Conferences and moving into Regional Councils. We are part of region 6 that stretches across most of northern Ontario. As of January 1, 2019 we will be part of Canadian Shield Regional Council. This will result in new ways of doing things, new relationships to be established and new technologies for connecting to be explored. Exciting times!!!!

Over the past year Presbytery has continued with its work of supporting congregations in our area, but always with the thought of how we will continue to do this in the new structure. Clusters and networks are one tool that we will use to stay connected to each other. Stayed tuned!!!!!

The final meeting of Presbytery was held here at Trinity in November. It was a time of celebrating our past. Candles were lit to acknowledge all Pastoral Charges that had been a part of North Bay Presbytery. It was nice to remember the names of churches that had closed over the past years. We reflected on our present, noting the relationships that have been established through our work. We anticipated our future, as we become part of the new regional council. Of course we also enjoyed nutritious and filling snacks and meals provided by the UCW. Food has always been an important part of our gatherings.

We recognize the importance of maintaining relationships, supporting each other; keeping communication lines open as we move forward into the new governance structure.

It has been an honour to serve as your presbytery representatives.

Respectfully
Janice Brownlee, Don Haslam, Eunice Laporte, Ann Clarke (alternate), Bill Brownlee (member-at-large)

Trustees

The Board of Trustees in 2018 included Kirk Elliott, serving as Chairperson, Jean Mitchell, John Roberts, Jean Rideout, Sue Elliott, Sandra Rozicki and Don Bain, with both Jim Liddell and Bob Cooney, who had completed their terms, graciously agreeing to extend their commitment to the work 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.

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.

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. My thanks to Bob Cooney who for the past several years has coordinated the insurance and acted as the Trustee's contact with the Insurance Broker. This coming year Don Bain and Sue Elliott will begin to share those responsibilities with Bob.

The Trustees are also charged with the prudent investing of funds held in trust on behalf of the congregation. For the past several years Jim Liddell has fulfilled this responsibility on behalf of the trustees. He will be receiving some much needed support from both John Roberts, and myself this coming year. Trinity is very fortunate to have assets available for investment and Jim is to be congratulated, and thanked, for the work he has done.

Kirk Elliott, Chair

Sunday School

Our Sunday School is an exciting and energetic place to spend Sunday mornings! Each Sunday morning at Trinity, you are likely to find the Sunday School children cooking in the kitchen, creating crafts in the Fellowship Hall, playing games in the gym and discovering God at work in our world through some other "hands on" activity! Our Sunday School children are very comfortable in the church and are an active part of our congregation - leading us in our call to worship, singing in the Junior Choir, performing in our Mustard Seed shows and participating in the regular life at Trinity.

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. 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, 16 teachers plus youth helpers. Our nursery care is provided by Eve Harrison 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 Samuel, Loaves and Fishes, Faith Symbols, Caring for Creation, The Great Commandment, Following Jesus' Footsteps, Thanks Giving, and Ruth and Naomi.

The Children wrapped up the year with another wonderful Christmas Pageant, *"An Animal Nativity",* directed by our fabulous house director, Darlene Laferriere. Each year, the pageants seem to be better and better! Special thanks to our accompanist, Brenda McLay, 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, Sarah Cook, Caroline Harrison, Ryan Rozicki, Melissa Peddie, Cindy Brownlee, Michelina Beam, Karen Johnson, Linsey Mutch, Janice Brownlee, Carling Lutecki, Jeff Mailloux, Cassie and Doug Bott-Baxter, Marcel MacDonald, and Lisa Blais. Thanks also to our excellent and enthusiastic helpers: Eric Brownlee, Eve Harrison, Colton Chaput, and Alex Beaton.

Each Sunday, the children collect money that is used to support outreach organizations that the children choose. This past year, the children chose to support the Trinity Infant Food Shelf, Hope2Kenya, The Warming Centre, The Reptile Camp (to help rebuild after their fire) and Habitat for Humanity's Indigenous Housing Project.

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

Submitted by Lisa Blais, Designated Lay Minister and
Sunday School Co-Superintendents Marcel MacDonald and Carling Lutecki

The Joyful Bells

The Joyful Bells Handbell Choir extends its appreciation to Trinity United Church and its members for their ongoing encouragement and support. The choir, in its 6th year, is comprised of 13 ringers from Trinity as well as 3 other area churches. We work with a 3 octave set of handbells and a 3 octave set of chimes.

This past year the choir performed at Trinity United, Calvin Presbyterian, with the Canadian Military Wives Choir North Bay at the CFB Chapel, at the Capital Centre for the Downtown Christmas Walk and with the North Bay Choral Society for their 2018 Christmas Concert.

New members are welcome. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Trinity. Ability to read musical rhythm and notes is helpful, however can be taught or reinforced.

When at rehearsals, be prepared to laugh often!!

Brenda McLay
Music Director

Monday Morning Food Shelf

The Monday Morning Food Shelf was open a total of 38 Days in 2018 (39 days in 2017). During the year we supplied a total of 973 food baskets (1,005 in 2017). The slight decline was a result of very low usage in the month of December as all other months were basically on a par with the previous year. Of these baskets, 635 were for single clients and 338 were for families (compared to 667 and 358 in 2017). The families comprised 875 members so in total we provided food assistance to 1,510 persons (1,593 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 the 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 2018

Bank Balance December 29, 2017			$3774.55
RECEIPTS:			
From Trinity Food Shelf Account	May, 2018	$2000.00	
From Trinity Food Shelf Account	October, 2018	$2000.00	
Total		$4000.00	
Total			$7774.55
EXPENDITURES:			
To AOTS re Food Gift Cards		$4050.00	
Cheques/Cash for others buying food		$2166.75	
Total		$6216.75	
Bank Balance December 31,2018			$1557.80

Respectfully Submitted by Doris-Rae Brownlee

Trinity Infant Food Shelf

Creating Healthy Futures by Providing Infant Essentials Today

Thanks to a generous charitable bequest and a very supportive community, the Trinity Infant Food Shelf has assisted over 300 local families since opening in September 2014 by providing essential baby care supplies that are needed during their infant's first year.

Every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., families visit the program for their monthly visit to pick up supplies and to receive health education on infant nutrition, safe sleep practices and child development and safety.

Thanks to a very special group of sponsors, a fundraiser was planned for the fall of 2018 to raise money for the Infant Food Shelf to continue extending a helping hand to families with infants in North Bay and Area. "100 Women Giving Thanks" was launched from Tuesday, October 8th to Friday,October 12th during which time we asked for 100 Women to donate $100 dollars in 100 hours. In Reverend Ted's words we were "flabbergasted" (that is a word) by the astonishing success of this initiative raising over $16,000.

There will be a lot more full bellies and dry bottoms in our area this year thanks to the generosity of these women. In addition to all the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talents all year long I would like to thank Wendy Abdullah, Mark Deacon, Lynn Larondeau and Beverly Martin for putting this initiative together.

Submitted by
Linda McLay Sheridan

Union Cemetery

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 2018

Plot Sales - 4 Casket, 2 Cremation Burials - 3 Casket, 15 Cremation.

Submitted by Ross Brewer

AOTS

Trinity AOTS had a successful and enjoyable 2018. We have a good turnout of approximately 25 members for our monthly breakfast and general meetings.

The breakfast fellowship usually takes place the first Saturday of each month at 8 am at Burger World near Fisher St. Following breakfast the business meeting takes place at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room of Trinity.

Most of the business meetings begin with a guest speaker. The topics vary greatly and are usually informative as well as educational.

In September of 2018 the Trinity AOTS held a retreat at Spirit Point near Burks Falls. The retreat was enjoyed by all who attended and a second retreat is in the works for September 2019.

One of the mandates of the AOTS is to support youth in the community. As well, the AOTS contributes financially to other groups and the Trinity General Fund.

Some of the events that AOTS has been involved with in 2018.

- Soup Tasting in January
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Good Friday breakfast with guest speaker
- Ladies Night Roast Beef Supper for AOTS widows at Emmanuel United.
- Pansies for Mothers Day
- Rally Back Sunday meal supplies in September
- The AOTS Sunday Service usually the 3rd week in November.

Roman Rozicki
2018 Chair Trinity AOTS

AOTS Financial Statement to 31 December 2018

Register Balance 1 January 2018				$ 3,452.99
	Receipts	Expenses	Difference	
Breakfasts	$ 3,392.50	$ 2,558.30	$ 834.20	
Gift Cards	$ 115,445.00	$ 111,103.07	$ 4,341.93	
Pancakes	$ 867.29	$ 324.21	$ 543.08	
Hams	$ 4,921.00	$ 2,808.00	$ 2,113.00	
Good Friday	$ 630.00	$ 800.00	$ (170.00)	
Sunrise	$ 77.30	$ 31.78	$ 45.52	
Shirts	$ 114.19	$ -	$ 114.19	
Ladies' Night	$ 435.00	$ 815.00	$ (380.00)	
Retreat	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,624.65	$ (424.65)	
Donations	$ 50.00	$ 6,833.21	$ (6,783.21)	
Memberships	$ 321.00	$ -	$ 321.00	
Totals	$ 127,453.28	$ 126,898.22	$ 555.06	$ 555.06
Register/Bank Balance 31December 2018				$ 4,008.05

Donations 2018

Camp Caritou	$ 1,000.00
Mustard Seed	$ 700.00
Train & Carosel (Bible Camp)	$ 240.00
Infant Food Shelf	$ 1,000.00
Trinity U C General Funds	$ 2,000.00
Coldest Night	$ 300.00
Good Friday	$ 170.00
Ladies' Night	$ 380.00
Canadian Ecology Centre	$ 200.00
Sunrise Service	$ 45.52
Youth Forum	$ 118.78
Book Delivery	$ 535.49
Apple Pie Project Lunch	$ 200.00
Total	$ 6,889.79

UCW

As I prepare this report, the United Church is in the mode of change. How it will affect the UCW remains to be seen. Trinity will become part of Region 6, therefore, so will Trinity UCW. As far as the wider UCW is concerned, Manitou Conference UCW will be joined by Algoma Presbyterial, and possibly Cambrian Presbyterial to form Region 6 UCW. Our group hasn't decided if we will keep the Presbyterial level, or not. The ladies hate to forgo the fellowship that will be lost if it is deleted. We may just get together to have fun!!

I was able to represent Manitou Conference UCW at the AGMs for Toronto Conference, and Montreal/ Ottawa Conference. It is always fun to get together with other like-minded ladies. At this point, many of them are "old" friends.

Locally, Trinity UCW does a lot of catering. You will see our smiling faces at Sunday Luncheons, Friday Luncheons, after functions in the afternoon/evening, and many other church events. It is our pleasure to be able to help out with receptions following funerals.

Our Bazaar is always a huge success. Without the rest of the congregation, some of it would have to be eliminated. We appreciate your help and support.

The UCW is based on a belief in God and in Jesus Christ. We try to show our faith through our outreach to the community (Packsac Smiles, the VON, the Bible Society, and many more). We hope that our happy smiles encourage others to join our group, and benefit from the fellowship of the ladies. As we gather each month, may we remember our roots in the WA, and the WMS which have together given us our purpose, and enthusiasm to continue.

Each month, we have interesting presentations that have included Richard Smith playing his harp; Darlene Laferriere spoke about the Fox G Syndrome; Cindy Brownlee talked about Camp Caritou; and Ross Brewer showed slides about Russia, to mention a few. Worship is always key to our meetings as we share together thoughts with praise and love for God.

Two Life-Memberships were presented this year. One to Claudette Brown, and one to Audrey Huard. We thank these ladies for their continued commitment to our organization, and their faith in Jesus.

As we continue to gather on the second Monday each month, we hope that others will join us and share in fellowship with a common faith in the Almighty.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Biondi, President

Prayer Shawls

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has been enhanced by the display table. On it you will find information about Prayer Shawls. This table will move around the Church, in an attempt to make it visible to all. As previously mentioned, these shawls are readily available -- just check with Rev. Ted or Wanda in the office.

Also on the table are Prayer Pockets. They are a knitted pocket with a cross knitted into it on the front. Inside is a simple blessing, or you can add a more appropriate prayer for the recipient. It can be carried in a pocket as a constant reminder of God's love.

At the last Prayer Shawl Blessing, about 16 were blessed, and added to our collection. With Christmas coming, it might be just the thing to give to someone who is ill, or bereaved, or needs to know that they are loved. When you give a shawl to someone, share a prayer with them to help them feel that they are special.

This message is written with many blessings to all who share their special knitting, and crocheting talents with others.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Biondi, Leader.

UCW Treasurer's Report 2018

Balance in register	6074.08
Receipts	
Offerings	3602.75
Monthly Luncheons	5172.80
Sunday Luncheons	1138.90
Tea and Bazaar	2732.00
Donations (Funeral and Personal)	4845.00
Total	23765.53

Disbursements	
Mission and Service	3200.00
Presbyterial Dues	300.00
Trinity United Church Official Board	5000.00
Lift Maintenance	1000.00
General Kitchen Expenses	400.00
Guest Minster Supply	200.00
Staff Christmas Gifts	460.00
Christmas Cheer Plates	150.00
Christmas Gift Bags	100.00
Mustard Seed	200.00
Manitou Youth Forum	200.00
Bricks	500.00
Bank Fees	26.00
Expenses (luncheons, funerals, catering)	1942.34
Total	10478.34

Donations	
VON (meals on wheels)	100.00
Bible Society	50.00
Packsac Smiles	500.00
North Bay Regional Health Centre	400.00
Hilde Toll Fund	100.00
Seniors Luncheon	200.00
Trinity Food Shelf	400.00
Trinity Infant Food Shelf	400.00
Trinity Families	200.00
Total	2350.00
Bank Balance Dec. 31 2018	6467.51
Outstanding cheques	316.76

Scouts Canada - 1st North Bay

Congratulations to Trinity and 1st North Bay you have been together 100 years. The longest in the city and area. It is my hope that we can and will continue this partnership for many more years.

We started the year with 45 youth again and 9 super dedicated leaders. We have Beavers, Cubs and Venturers this year, with no Scout program running due to lack of leadership.

The youth in all sections stay very busy working on the new programming that we have, so they are all following their paths. They are building things, exploring different things and areas, camping, hiking, eating, and just having FUN.

Ryan Rozicki, Sandy Hogkins, and Johanna Kristolaitis are keeping the Beavers happy and healthy. Dave McKenney, Kathleen Padvaiskas, and Lexi Grubbels have the Cubs well in hand. Dizzy Castle and Crystal Norman are enjoying their time with the Venturers.

We have had our Apple Day and Popcorn fundraiser next on the list will be Maple Syrup the profits from these three events keep our group supplied with equipment and outing money. Thank you to all who support and enjoy these products.

As we move forward, we will be having more fun and looking for more leaders to come and join us. I would really like to be able to report next year that we have a troop up and running. Thanks to Bill Brownlee from keeping me on track helping with things. Rob Brownlee and I will continue to 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 2018

	Income	Expense	Profit/(Loss)	
Register Balance 01 January 2018				8,819.72
Fund Raiser: Popcorn	$2,560.00	$1,335.00	$1,225.00	
Apple Day	$1,103.55	$0.00	$1,103.55	
Syrup	$8,314.65	$4,244.75	$4,069.90	
Other	$500.00	$542.39	($42.39)	
Registration	$1,005.00	$810.00	$195.00	
Equipment	$0.00	$370.53	($370.53)	
Activities	$860.00	$1,202.88	($342.88)	
Administration	$0.00	46.08	($46.08)	
Bank Charges	$39.60	59.40	($19.80)	
Totals	$14,382.80	$8,611.03	$5,771.77	$5,771.77
Register Balance 31 December 2018				$14,591.49

4Trinity Fundraising Team

In January of 2016, the 4Trinity Fundraising Team was launched. It was created to raise funds for Trinity's day-to-day operations. The success of our projects has been much more than financial. Through our projects like the "Cookie" Walk and Talents & Services Silent Auction we, as a congregation, have shared our time and skills and have gotten to know each other a bit better. Oh — and we also raised some money

John Sheridan is heading up the Cobb's Bakery project that had been Peter Moseley-William's project. We are thankful for all that Peter and Lynda did for the 4Trinity team and are grateful to see at least this part of their work carried on. Our loss is Exeter, Ontario's gain.

Submitted by Barb Roberts

Trinity's Junior Choir

This past year our choir grew in numbers sound and repertoire! We had another busy year at Trinity, and we even took the 'show on the road' to participate at another church.

I'd like to begin by thanking the children, parents and grandparents for all the support, whether learning words, driving, or tying on bandanas. We appreciate the family effort that goes into getting the choristers to choir practice and ready for a performance.

Special music was prepared for Easter, shortly followed by a guest performance at the Rapport Singers' spring concert. In May we performed at the Super Seniors' Luncheon and were very well received by our audience. What a fun and inspiring time we had enjoying the company of such an enthusiastic and youthful group!

In September we "Rallied Back" with a musical reminder of our Congregational Picnic at Camp Tillicum, and the start of a new Sunday School year. Also in September we were invited to sing at a sister congregation, Emmanuel United Church in North Bay. We sang three songs and were very well appreciated. A unique children's time had been specially prepared, and was presented for the kids, and they had a chance to inspect and learn about weight, and different types of balancing scales.

October brought spooky fun, and we set the tone for another superhero visit singing the "The Seven Days of Hallowe'en".

In November we prepared special Remembrance Day music and were guests of the J.O.Y. Band's War Memories concert. We sang "Winnie the Pooh" and 'Flying Free", as the kids learned about The Battle of Britain, and also commemorated the 100th anniversary of the end of WW I .

The Jr. Choir prepared and sang for several services during the Advent and Christmas seasons including Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. We always particularly love joining in singing with the senior choir and extra instruments make it very exciting! This past year the choir has grown in so many ways. Their confidence and vocal skills are shining through! Keep up the fantastic work!

Thank you to Laura Farris- Einarson who has so graciously stepped in to lead the choir during my absence this coming year. Many special thanks to Mrs. Farris who volunteers her time accompanying us and does so much to ensure the success of our Jr. Choir.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Millar

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! Sincere thanks to our helpful babysitters Navy and Skye with occasional support from Marcel MacDonald.

The group is led by Christine Kuehl and her leadership is appreciated. This year the group had several guest speakers from our community speaking on a wide variety of topics – Camp Caritou, Gateway Theatre Guild, Horse Ability, Women's Own Resource, Mental Health Awareness, Right Relations, Doulas, Laughing Yoga, Thumbs up Foot Care, Dennis Chippa, Rev. Marie Louwen, Darlene Laferriere, Stew Bell, Don Clysdale, Rebecca Reisen and many more!

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.

Submitted by Lisa Blais

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 activities locally and in the wider Church attending such events as Worshiplude, Youth Prayer Vigil, Manitou Youth Forum, The Great Escape (room), the Niagara Youth Conference and more.

The Youth Group provides a major outreach project each Christmas. The Christmas Bag Outreach 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, The Recovery Home, and Ojibway Women's Lodge.

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 Rideout, Cindy Brownlee, and the Youth Group members for help shopping, sewing, and packing and thank-you to the Trinity Congregation for your support, as always!

Submitted by Lisa Blais

Vacation Bible Camp

For a week this past summer (August 13 – 17th) about 60 children and their helpers discovered our World of Wonders through games, crafts, cooking and more! I would like to offer thanks especially to Marcel MacDonald and our summer student Clara Clark for helping me put together the program! On behalf of the leaders and children we would like to thank the wonderful people who fed us - Janice Brownlee, Jean Mitchell, Rae Brownlee, Noreen Brewer, Shirley Tayler, Claudette dePencier, Gloria Wigelius, Darlene Laferriere, Sandy Foster and Joanna Bishop-Allen (hopefully I didn't forget anyone).

Thanks also to our dedicated and capable leaders - Hannah McCallum, Robert Leitner, and Joe Drinkwalter for running sessions, to Eve Harrison and Julia Whitehead who helped set-up camp the week before and volunteered all week – and thanks also to the many student volunteers who helped to supervise the children.

Special thanks to the AOTS who provided rides at the Heritage Railway and Carousal for all the campers and to the Reptile Farm for helping us get up close and personal with some amazing animals! Thanks to the bakers, and those who donated money to help keep camp affordable for the families and last but not least – thank-you to Professor Gigawatt, Professor (Jo Bernier) Frizzle, Sandra "DA" Brownlee, Ryan Rozicki and the Shad-man for helping us put together the morning videos.

It truly does take a village!

Income from donations and registrations $ 3320.00
Expenses – honorariums and supplies $ 3025.62
Submitted by Lisa Blais

Mustard Seed

Bravo Mustard Seed on another fantastic year! In 2018 Mustard Seed performed a Junior show: *Free to Be,* and began work on a Senior show *Cotton Patch Gospel.* Cast members ranged in ages from 5 to 18. Special thanks to all the people who helped out in any way – there are many, many people to thank - those who lugged stage pieces, painted and built sets, organized or made costumes, those who handed out programs or collected tickets, people who distributed posters and of course, to those of you who donated time, talent or money. Special thanks to the AOTS and UCW who were our show sponsors. Thanks to the Trinity United Church community for supporting this wonderful ministry!

The Mustard Seed Players in 2018 were:

Free to Be Cast: Evelyn Cassel, Kaydence Einarson, Nevaeh Einarson, Erin Harrison, Jared Johnson, Michelle Johnson, Sophia Karasseva, Katie Lashbrook, Norah Lutecki, Amelia MacDonald, Rowan MacDonald, Braunwyn McKenney, Wylde McKenney, Michael Miller, Abigail Sanders, Hunter Sarrazin, Phoebe Sarrazin, Ribbon Dalton, Linnea Cyr, Andrew Whitehead

Cotton Patch Gospel Cast: Nick Babin, Colton Chaput, Joe Drinkwalter, Robert Leitner, Beatrice Lloyd, Hannah McCallum, Samantha Peddie, Emma Webster

Cotton Patch Gospel Band: Phil Cassell, Ted Chase, Chris Clarke, Marcel MacDonald, Brian Risk

Mustard Seed Crew: Director - Darlene Laferriere, Producer - Lisa Blais, Stage Manager- Jim Liddel, Accompanist - Brenda McLay, Chris Mogan, Cecilia Mogan, Production Assistants - Jodi St Pierre, Robert Leitner, Joe Drinkwalter, Sound and Mics - Michelina Beam, Marcel MacDonald, Riley Beam, Lights – Michael Miller, Emily Tilander, Costumes – Eve Harrison and Beatrice Lloyd, Set – Don Rideout, Front of House – Cheryl Miller, Sue Miller, Posters – Maurice Laporte, Shirley Thom

Income: $2917.60
Expenses: $3124.14
Submitted by Lisa Blais

Trinity Families

Trinity Families is thriving as an important group here at Trinity. We feel the group is meeting the needs of our 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.

In 2018, Trinity Families events included:

- Several board game nights in the Fireside Room which were well attended by enthusiastic players of all ages;
- The traditional viewing of the Santa Claus Parade from our comfy couches along the parade route;
- Our first "Messy Church" event during advent, "We Wish You a Messy Christmas", where we explored and reflected on the messiness of the First Christmas through crafts and games and a warm meal together. It saw over 50 participants, many from outside the immediate Trinity Family
- The 4th annual Halloween Costume Party and Potluck, which is always fun and festive - and the costumes get better each year!
- The 2nd annual Summer Camping trip to Lake Bernard Park that saw 50 campers this year! The kids had fun trick-or-treating as the campground celebrated Halloween. The fire ban didn't dampen spirits as we enjoyed swimming, wagon rides, mini golf, hiking, and communing around our make-shift glowing pit;
- A chilly end-of-year picnic at the North Bay Waterfront on an unseasonably cold day in June;
- The annual Red-Hot Chili Cook-off which is always a fantastic night of delicious food and wonderful entertainment. It is also one of our most successful fundraisers;
- The largest, and most anticipated Trinity Families event is the annual Winter Retreat at Sprit Point. The theme for 2018 was Mardi Gras. The ever-popular weekend saw 17 of our Trinity families and was filled to the brim with games, fellowship, crafts, a wolf-howl, a winter carnival, delicious food, a hike to Spirit Point, belly dancing lessons, a late-night sing-along and dance, and a Sunday worship service on the frozen lake. We received a generous grant from the United Church which helped to help keep the cost of the retreat more affordable, combined with our fundraising efforts.

Trinity Families events such as these, along with our amazing Sunday School, Mustard Seed, and Vacation Bible Camp, make Trinity a welcoming place for children and families of all ages. We anticipate an even more exciting year in 2019.

Submitted by Carling Lutecki and Marcel McDonald, Sunday School Co-Superintendents,
and Lisa Blais, Designated Lay Minister

Trinity Arts: 2018 Annual Report

Membership:
Our flexible membership has primarily included Nancy Dewar-Stenning, Darlene Laferriere, Rod Carley, Lisa Blais, Michelina Beam, Rev. Ted.

Mandate: ***'Using the many blessings of the Trinity church family to enrich life and faith through the arts.'***

Trinity Arts was formed to enable the sharing and enrichment of the arts at Trinity, as a loving gift to our church and our wider community. In the past, "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 gymnasium for 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, "Watershed" Shakespeare productions, our wintertime Trinity Coffeehouse, and our annual Christmastime fundraiser for "The Gathering Place."

Trinity Arts in 2018: Projects in 2018 included **the Trinity Coffeehouse** (raising approximately $600 for the Mission and Service Fund), "**I'll Be Home for Christmas: A Heartwarming Evening of Wartime Story and Song**" in December (raising approximately $1100 for "the Gathering Place"). Trinity Arts thanks Irma Benard for her astounding accomplishment: Irma single-handedly padded every pew in the Trinity Sanctuary! Trinity Arts continues to encourage fundraising for that "**Cushie Tushie**" project, which has improved Trinity as a venue for music and the arts. We thank the Trinity AOTS for adding rubber grip to the pew cushions. *As is their habit, the AOTS saw a need, and responded generously.*

Appreciations: Members of Trinity are regularly called upon to plan, volunteer, host, practice, paint, nail, bake, act, sing, build, design, sell tickets, stack chairs, share posters, usher, wash dishes, serve coffee, count money, open up, lock up, and clean up! --We could never do it without our large and caring church family. Thank you for supporting the arts at Trinity!

Respectfully submitted, *Trinity Arts*

Canadian Shield Regional Council

Engaging with the Spirit to Inspire, Connect and Empower Communities of Faith

Connecting with local ministry in our congregations in a new way…

Our family stretches across a large piece of geography, from Katrine in the south to Hearst in the north; from Val d'Or Quebec in the east to Thunder Bay in the west. Despite the vast geography we share a common identity as United Church communities of faith (congregations) and we share a common purpose to live faithful lives and serve the Gospel. The vision statement of the Canadian Shield Regional Council affirms that the primary purpose of this governance body of the Church is to empower you as you undertake local ministry.

Regional Council staff are part of that connection. Some of you will know many of the staff who have transitioned from previous Conference and presbytery positions into the new Regional Council. Will Kunder (1/2 time Congregational Support & Justice Animation), Melody Duncanson-Hales (Congregational Support, Youth, Stewardship), Susan Whitehead (Administrative support) and Lillian Roberts (Pastoral Relations) are continuing as familiar faces into the new structure though there are some changes in job descriptions and they are being joined by others less known to you; Peter Hartmans (Executive Minister), Joan Bailey (part time Administrative Support Thunder Bay), Rachel Howes (Administrative support shared with Shining Waters) and as May 1, 2019 Rob Smith (Congregational Support part-time west). The Regional Council main office is located at Omond United Church and you are always welcome to call or drop in.

The Inaugural meeting of the Canadian Shield Regional Council will gather folks May 31 – June 2 in Sault Ste. Marie. Each community of faith (congregation) is to elect representative(s) at your Annual meeting. Representatives are your connection with the ministry we share as a Regional Council. Make sure you name a connector to share the stories of what others are doing.

A number of you ask, or perhaps more accurately comment that whether they call it Presbytery or Conference or Regional Council, it still names a part of Church Structure that seems rather remote and unattached to congregational life. So here's a commitment, the Regional Council and its staff are ready to respond to any requests for support, resources, information or a listening ear. If you need to know how your youth can find a United Church camping experience, or want to apply for a Capital Assistance Grant call Melody; need worship material for Sunday because your minister has fallen ill, Will is coordinating a week-by-week worship project; need information because the pastoral relations process or one of the staff is on medical leave, Lillian can walk you through the process; need to understand more about the denominational policies, Peter can share his wisdom; need general information about how things work or communication, give Susan a call; want to know about Ontario licenses to marry, Joan is your person; need some staff support to try getting a cluster of folks together from neighbouring congregations to talk about how to share outreach ministry, call Will, Rob, Melody or Lillian- we can all help.

We need each other to be the best and most faithful we can be! Don't let the fact that the structure has a new name make you apprehensive about reaching out. Let's build connections that help us to encourage each other (and maybe even have some fun!) as we live into new relationships within this "family of God" we call the United Church.

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