



Huron Shores United Church Annual Report



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A Year of Renewal



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Our Mission Statement

“Our relationship with God and each other strengthens us,
and helps make the world a better place.
We welcome and include everyone into congregational life.”

Our Priorities

- **Discipleship:** First we learn the message, next we live the message and then we share the message.
- **Justice and Outreach:** We promote fairness, honesty, *inclusiveness*, and sharing.
- **Leadership:** We inspire and encourage the congregation and give them choices of direction. We delegate and empower the congregation such that they sense stability in the leadership.
- **Ministry Partnerships:** We make partnerships with other religious communities and political organizations.
- **Pastoral/Spiritual Care:** We express our care and nurture the congregation and the community.
- **Spirituality/Self Care:** We develop a relationship with God and encourage life-coping skills. Our website offers assistance.
- **Stewardship:** We “walk the talk” by taking care of the gifts of our physical beings and our environment.
- **Worship:** Our worship presents a message regarding our relationship with God that applies to daily living. Through worship, we attempt to demonstrate, reinforce and strengthen the best characteristics of humanity.

Our Vision Statement

We seek to make this community a reflection of God’s plan, to be a safe haven for ALL who seek peace, justice, freedom; a place where differences are celebrated and accepted as gifts; where new ideas and new ways are not feared but rather embraced as we learn to expand our hearts so that ALL are welcome.

We affirm that this includes persons of ALL sexual orientations, gender identities, races, abilities, ages, economic circumstances and talents.

Jesus knew no boundaries. He reached out to all people, honouring ALL in their diversity. We celebrate the richness this brings to our church.

We are called to be a part of a ministry that welcomes and includes ALL, honours the gifts of each, and recognizes that ALL receive God’s abundant grace.



Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting Held at the Grand Bend Legion

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Opening comments - Kate Crawford: Welcomed everyone. It was explained that this meeting would be held as an integral part of the worship service.

There was a quorum.

- **Opening Motions - Kate Crawford:**
 - **A MOTION was made to accept Deb Gill as chair for this meeting. Moved by Sherwood Eddy and seconded by Wil Vander Linden. Carried.**
- **Deb Gill took the floor** and asked for the following motions:
 - **A MOTION was made to elect Mary McFadden as recording secretary. Moved by Pat Lane and seconded by Betty Morley. Carried.**
 - **A MOTION was made to grant voting privileges to adherents. Moved by Ron Holmes and seconded by Norm Harris. Carried.**
 - **A MOTION was made to approve the agenda with one amendment to remove the motion to accept the BET report. Moved, seconded and carried.**
- **Act of Remembrance - Reverend Dr. Kate Crawford:** Names of the deceased were shown on the screen and each name was said in memory followed by prayer. Janice Baker was mentioned (passed away in early January 2018).
- **Approval of 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes - Deb Gill:**
 - **2016 Financial Review** - Question was raised as to the status of this review - was it done? Bryan Beattie was called to the podium to explain. The review was done and presented to Council at the June meeting. It was completed by the accounting firm, PTMG, in Exeter.
 - **A MOTION was made to approve the 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes as distributed. Moved by Charles MacDonald and seconded by Chris Bregman. Carried.**
- **Annual Report 2017** - Deb emphasized to take time to read the reports - praise was extended to all the teams, individuals and activities. Encouraged folks to participate in any of the teams. An invitation was issued to lift any reports for later discussion. There were none.
 - **A MOTION was made to accept reports as printed with exception of the Financial and Nominating Reports. Moved by Blanche Savage and seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.**

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- **Review of Individual Reports - Deb Gill:**
 - **Financial Report - Bryan Beattie** (Addendum 1) was called to the podium. Thanked the congregation for their continued support throughout the year. Highlighted some categories: Special Anniversary appeal - this year the funds were directed to the Building Fund. Grocery cards - proceeds have been split with 50% going to Operating and 50% to the Building Fund. This will change in 2018 with 100% going to the Operating Fund. Very pleased with proceeds raised by the Fundraising Events. Stated that 2017 was a very strange year to develop an accurate budget due to worshipping at the Legion and other factors. Invited any questions from the floor. Question was raised as to showing the figure of \$6,500 - the proceeds from the Christmas Home Tour. That figure was included in the Building Fund financial report.
 - **A MOTION was made to accept the Financial Report as presented. Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Charles MacDonald. Carried.**
 - **Budget 2018** - Bryan explained that they worked diligently to develop a "Break Even Budget". Highlighted the increased figure for personnel. This is due to the increase of the minimum wage in Ontario and changes in the way in which some staff are to be paid. There are "Unknowns" going into 2018 - how long at the Legion and utility costs in the new building? The Fundraising figure shows a significant increase due to the planned Gala. We will have a mortgage payment of \$30,000.
 - **A MOTION was made to approve the 2018 Budget. Moved by Bryan Beattie and seconded by Pat Lane. Carried.**
 - **Balance Sheet/2017 Financial Review Process** - a substantial increase shows in the bank account due to closing out the Building Fund account with funds transferred to the Operating Fund. "Congregational Surplus" was explained as funds that can be used for the unexpected. There was a cost from the accounting firm to conduct our 2016 Financial Review. It was hoped to do a "Swap" - that did not work out. It has been arranged for our 2017 Financial Review to be done in-house by Norm Harris.
 - **A MOTION was made to approve Norm Harris to conduct our 2017 Financial Review. Moved by Ron Turner and seconded by Doug Procter.**
Question was raised - "Is the National Church going to carry 100% of our mortgage?" It was explained that this request has been presented to Presbytery and is in the process. Council will inform the congregation as soon as this is known. **The above MOTION was Carried.**
- **Mission & Service Fund** - Deb invited Marian Ogilvie (Mission & Service Fund Enthusiast) to speak on the proposed target figure for 2018. Marian explained that the team suggests \$15,000 as the last couple of years the figure has been over \$14,000.
 - **A MOTION was made to accept the recommended Mission & Service Fund target figure of \$15,000. Moved by Virginia Scott and seconded Lois Gill. Carried.**

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- **Nominating Team - Kate** was invited to the floor representing the Nominating Team of Peter Challen and Loretta Whitfield (Kate advises). Explained their work in placing individuals in our Governance roles. Thanked outgoing members of Council and introduced members of Council who had been elected during the year. To fill further vacancies, asked three times if there were any nominations from floor. There were none. Peter Challen was acclaimed Property Chair.
 - **A MOTION was made to accept the slate of Nominations of the 2018 Council members. Moved by Chris Bregman and seconded by Frank Loscombe. Carried.**
- **Nomination of Trustees** - Kate was called to podium. Named those stepping away and the proposed 2018 Trustees.
 - **A MOTION was made to elect the Trustees. Moved by Sherwood Eddy and seconded by Frank Loscombe. Carried.**
- **Additional Item: Revised Policy and Procedures** - Kate was invited to the podium to explain the necessity of approving the revised Policy and Procedures. Changes made to the 2017 version reflect decisions made by Council through 2017, including allowing the minister to vote, removing the Office Administrator as a member of Council, changing the name of the Fundraising Team to Funds Development Team.
 - **A MOTION was made to approve the Policy and Procedures for submission to presbytery. Moved by Blanche Savage and seconded by Virginia Scott. Carried.**
- **Other items - Deb Gill:** Asked if there were any other items or concerns. There were none.
- **MOTION to adjourn at 11:49 a.m. - moved by Virginia Scott. Carried.**

Deb Gill
Chair

Mary McFadden
Recording Secretary

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From Our Kate



About once a week – sometimes more – someone will say to me “We are so blessed to have you as our minister!” Does anyone get more affirmation than I do? I *always* respond with this truth: I am so blessed to have the honour of serving in this part of the body of Christ! When I shared my joy with the Executive Secretary of London Conference, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, she grinned as she said, “I love it when I hear that from our ministers! That’s how it’s supposed to be!”

This year has been busy – as all years are – especially with our move back to the space which has been now renovated for the next 90 years of faithful witness. OK – I admit – it was not all smooth sailing. Who knew we could get so excited about where chairs will go, or who gets storage space? However, the bumps and crunches revealed to us how deeply we care about our church home, and how invested we are in its success. That is a good lesson to learn. Our amazing team of leaders brought us through each conversation and negotiation with patience and compassion. These are the true marks of a faithful church.

Two big pieces of work in the larger church have touched our congregation this last year. The first is the restructuring of the whole United Church. At the end of 2018, presbyteries and conferences will cease to exist, as we move from a four court to a three court system. In their place is a new, much bigger administrative area, called a region. Ours has been named “Western Ontario Waterways”... WOW! On January 1, 2019 it comes into being. We may have a few glitches until the new system works smoothly, but wise heads and hearts have led us this far, so we can trust that all will be well in the long run.

The second piece of work engaging the larger church this year was the Formal Hearing Panel reviewing recommendations regarding The Reverend Gretta Vosper, of West Hill United Church. She is a published, public and ardent “atheist” minister. Her governing body, Toronto Conference, had recommended that she be placed on the Discontinued Service List (non-voluntary). I was asked to serve on the Formal Hearing Panel which would review this recommendation in a routine fashion. However, there was nothing routine about this! Many hours of reading legal briefs and documents went into preparing for this hearing, which was scheduled to take place in October and November of this year. The congregation had prepared for me to be absent for a month throughout the fall, but at the end of the day it was not to be. After preliminary matters were disposed of, the hearing lasted only 2 days, as Toronto Conference settled with The Rev. Vosper, with terms that are unknown to any but them. It remains to be seen how this will sit with the wider church.

Many, many thanks go to the team with whom I work: **Mary McFadden**, who holds us together with a smile and a cheerful laugh; **Elva McIntyre** who opens wide the doors of possibility and encourages all of us to sing; **Carey Eddy** who never misses a detail; **Sherrie Smith** who keeps track of our finances coming in and going out; **Bob Stewart** who uncomplainingly cleans up after us, and keeps us free from snow; and **Deb Gill** who is our community’s biggest champion, and tireless encourager.

Grace and peace to all,

Kate

Chair of Council Report

2018 will go down as being of tremendous historical significance for our church. It was the year that saw us gain occupancy thanks to the efforts of the Building Executive Team, and return once again to worship in our newly refurbished sanctuary. The dream the pioneers of our church had established of making our doors open to all and provide a community concert hall and a facility to house wellness activities was becoming a reality.



Such audacious dreams required a great deal of effort by a great many people. Our congregation stepped up to the plate and rose to the demands of a volunteer labour force required to get our newly created church ready. It is my belief that this project served to create an extremely strong team thanks to the leaders involved in the project and the guidance of our lovely spiritual leader.

Now to the work of completing our transition back into our church. We are learning that many of our former practices are no longer applicable and a great deal of emotion and effort has been extended to figure out our path forward. 2019 will see us gain occupancy of our lower kitchen, complete the planter in our parking area, and insulate the sanctuary ceiling thanks to the grant we received from Lambton Council. In addition, we will hire an individual to begin the hard work of developing a community wellness program. Thanks to the New Ministries Fund of the United Church of Canada Foundation, we will receive 25 thousand dollars a year for three years to attempt to make this critical work sustainable. Also, in order that we may see our debt retired in ten years, we will need to have fundraising projects. Already this year there are three planned and three more are waiting in the wings.

To ensure our continued success we will need to count on the continued donation of time, talent and financial support of our congregation. We will also need to count on the prayers and the presence of the Holy Spirit that I have so often felt throughout this project. Remember, **“I can do anything through God who strengthens me”** Philippians 4:13.

Submitted by Deb Gill

Congregational Visitors

We started with one Congregational Visitor; now we are two. These visits occur to augment the visiting that Rev Dr Kate already does, with a specific focus on those who are shut in. The visits are wonderful. Sharing the news of the Congregation offers a connection. Hearing the stories is a delight.

Submitted by, Peter Challen and Rosalind MacDonald

Presbytery Report

The Huron Shores United Church Presbytery Team – Rev. Kate Crawford, Janice Sinker, Ken and Ruth Ann Eagleson and Marilyn Beattie (Presbytery alternate) attended six meetings of the Huron-Perth Presbytery in 2018 as well as the First Official Region 8 Event held in Mount Forest United Church on October 20th.



Ken and Kate were members of the Administration and Finance Division of the Huron Perth Presbytery; Janice was a member of the Pastoral Relations Committee and Ruth Ann was a member of the Division of Education and Students. Committees met from 4:00 to 5:30p.m. Supper and fellowship was from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The court convened for a joint meeting of all in attendance from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. constituting Worship, Division Reports, voting on motions brought forward and training or presentations.

The final meeting of the Huron-Perth Presbytery was held November 27th at Avondale United Church in Stratford. The Huron-Perth Presbytery was remembered and celebrated.

Huron-Perth Presbytery collected assessments from all pastoral charges, for the work of the church, and remitted much of this money to London Conference, to support the denomination. Some came back to us in the form of salaries for staff, grants, and other forms of support. We also received money from churches which closed or amalgamated, and administered this money ourselves, as the Visionary Fund. Huron Shores was the fortunate recipient of two Visionary Fund grants for our renovation project. In the future, assessments will be paid to the General Council office directly, and support will come to the Region, much as it did before, in salaries, staff, grants, etc. After our final grants were allotted at the November meeting, we voted to transfer all remaining money to Western Ontario Waterways Region. We can continue to expect support for 'visionary' initiatives in the future, although the way this will happen is not yet sorted out. As with most things, we are trusting that a process will become clear in due time.

The greatest challenge for the final year of the Huron-Perth Presbytery was to continue the work of our individual divisions while many of our ranks were also going forward into planning and new positions in the new Region 8. It is with great anticipation and a giant step of faith that the Huron-Perth Presbytery joined with our brothers and sisters in Region 8, now to be known as the 'Western Ontario Waterways'.

It has been a pleasure to represent Huron Shores United Church at Presbytery. Region 8 - The Western Ontario Waterways will begin in January 2019. Your Huron Shores United Church team will continue to represent you as the future unfolds new and exciting changes and challenges.

Submitted by:
Ken and Ruth Ann Eagleson
Janice Sinker
Rev. Kate Crawford

Huron Perth Presbytery Youth Minister



As of October 31, 2018, I completed my call as Huron Perth Presbytery Youth Minister. It was a call from its start in July of 2008 that inspired with challenges and many joys. Many, many people (children, youth and adults) shared the journey with me as impressive, faithful companions. We held many retreat and events, shared life stories, dreamed and acted on ways to bring justice to the world. I am grateful.

As the United Church of Canada moves into a new model of governance....all areas of the church will be affected. We will need to dig deeper in our pockets, minds and hearts to keep our ministries alive. Faith in a world where many walk in fear and are lonely is an imperative gift. Please, as you read this, ask yourself, where you can give to our church and pray for those who need connection. Offer part of your life where you are able.

Peace and blessings.

Submitted by Kathy Douglas

Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel Team is the congregation's supervisor of all staff and key volunteers. We ensure their jobs are being performed properly, that they are satisfied with their jobs and that you are confident with their work performance. To do that, we monitor their job performance and take all concerns and compliments and ensure they are properly addressed. Our team consists of myself as chair, Janice Sinker, Maxine Eveland and Ernie Lane, who joined us during the year. We are a small team and are seeking 2-3 new members to join our team. Normally, we meet a few times a year, check with staff regularly throughout the year and do job interviews/performance reviews at least once per year. When it comes to budgeting, we recommend salary increases in keeping with United Church of Canada guidelines.

Our team has been busy this year with creating contracts and terms of references for our lay staff. Throughout the year we have consulted with several people from our congregation, Presbytery and London Conference for advice on what should be included in these documents. The process is still ongoing, however, we are nearing completion and hope to finalize in early 2019.

Again this past year, we have had several occasions to speak with our staff. In early December, we had our staff interviews. We do have great staff who go above and beyond to assist our church with its daily operations.

We started the year in the Legion and over the summer, we moved back home to our new church. Moving back caused more upheaval because now we have offices, more space, more washrooms, etc but, all are glad to be back home. Our staff greatly appreciates all that we do to assist them in the performance of their jobs.

Ministry and Personnel - cont'd

We remind the congregation that they can provide input to the Ministry and Personnel Team relating to our staff. If you see a problem that is staff-related, tell one of the Ministry and Personnel Team, however if we can also thank staff for what they do. Remember each staff member has a job to do and we should not impede them but help if we can.

New this year, we have two Congregational Visitors, Peter Challen and more recently Rosalind MacDonald. They assist our minister in the visitation of congregational members who are not able to attend church on a regular basis due normally, due to health concerns.

On behalf and the Ministry and Personnel Team, we thank our staff: Rev Dr Kate, Mary, Elva, Bob, Sherrie, Carey, Rosalind and Peter for what they do for our congregation.

We look forward to a healthy and prosperous 2019!

Submitted by Charles MacDonald, Chair

Office Administration

This position has always been a busy one and certainly more than meets the eye but boy - this year takes the cake and all in a good way! We wanted to be a church that reached out to the community - I see that happening nearly daily. This year, many have heard me say, "Wow, I got work done at work"! That won't mean anything to a lot of you but because there is so much going on during office hours, it's very distracting for me to accomplish much of anything at work - but clearly the jobs get done! As far as "What's different this year" in the administration job? The answer is in the Communications report.



Communications

The bulletin, Mail Chimp emails, Face Book, website, digital sign, website calendar, Exeter Lakeshore Times-Advance newspaper and posters - did I forget anything? Yes, I did - something that we'll start to use - the Lambton Shores Community Calendar to promote our events. And that doesn't cover special news releases and other avenues of promotion - thank goodness that is handled by Mary Alderson - who does a great job of that! Christine Bregman is involved with Mail Chimp and Face Book as a back-up and is often asked for techie help. Kate is constantly asked for guidance and the whole team of Kate, Pat Morden, Lynne Desjardine, Mary Alderson and myself work together to maintain guidelines and new ideas of effective communication. Earlier this year, the digital sign decided not to work. Many folks became involved with trying to fix it and then along came Nelson Anselmo. He asked a couple of questions, asked if he could see the program on the computer and within minutes - presto! It was up and running as it should. I really like Nelson! I was very excited to have our "Community Events" bulletin board installed in which the posters/flyers are neatly arranged and maintained. So, the big difference in the Administration job ... is managing Communications!

Submitted by Mary McFadden

Fun and Fellowship

What a fun year, 2018 has been. Even as busy as we were, successful events happened. HSUC held another profitable golf tournament, thanks to a number of great volunteers. Golfers enjoyed the putting contest, & especially had fun with the double ticket prize draws. Seven new members were welcomed. Barb Shepherd and I mailed lots of cards of care too.



Everyone enjoys our cafe & COOKIES after services. Thank you to all who pitch in especially Lois Gill, Rosalind & Charles MacDonald & Kathleen Williams. Also, David & Cecily Boyle shared their delicious milestone anniversary cake with us all.

(I am looking forward to working with the M & O team in 2019!)

Many hands make tasks lighter!! We are so blessed!

Submitted by Lynne Desjardine, Chair

Affirming Team



The Affirming Team has continued to highlight our commitment to inclusivity, especially in relation to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Minutes for Affirming in our bulletins gave us news of progressive government actions at home and abroad, and reminded us of the importance of continuing to advocate for justice. The Team led our worship at services in April and September. We presented two film showings: the comedy/drama *Kinky Boots*, and the documentary *Belonging in the Body*, which introduced us to several trans persons who

shared their experiences of struggle, community and growth in their faith. Members of our Team attended the Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble annual conference in July. We demonstrated our support for sister congregations that are exploring the possibility of becoming affirming ministries, meeting with Teams from Pine River United Church and from St. Paul's United Church in Sarnia. Team members during 2018 have been Wilma Harris, Janice Sinker, Rev. Kate Crawford, Marly Bown, Betsy Hanes, David Kai, and myself. We look forward to continuing our journey of learning and sharing during 2019.

Submitted by Blanche Savage - Chair

Prayer Shawl Ministry



2018 was another busy, rewarding and successful year for our Prayer Shawl Ministry. From January to June we continued to be grateful guests at Immaculate Heart of Mary and in September we were delighted to be able to return “home” to HSUC, and most recently appreciate being given our very own storage cabinet.

Our lively group meets Monday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and we welcome new pairs of loving and praying hands at any time to knit or crochet our full size shawls and lap blankets, our small

“Pocket Prayer Shawls” and our Prayer Bears. We have close to 40 in our group and average about 23 “knit chicks” each week with an occasional visit from our token “rooster”. We have members from HSUC, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. John’s Anglican and from our Community at large. Sacred Heart in Parkhill, sister Parish to Immaculate Heart, has recently started their own Prayer Shawl Ministry learning from us.

Some of our Shawls this year have gone to Jessica’s House, to Bluewater (Zurich) and Chateau Gardens (Parkhill) rest homes, to Georgia, Pittsburgh, Petrolia, Newfoundland and other places across Canada, Australia, and to many locally where there is a need of comfort and the knowledge that someone loves and cares.

Trish Murdock and myself were asked to talk about our Prayer Shawl Ministry at Grand Bend’s Women’s Institute’s meeting in March. The Prayer Shawlers were also given the opportunity to display some of our shawls at the Grand Bend Library over the summer.

In the spirit of the “Kitchen Shower” and wanting to help outfit our new HSUC Kitchen our group made a special collection in order to provide a tea trolley for use downstairs.

We are humbled to report that since our beginnings in Oct. of 2015 to date we have sent at least 531 large Shawls, 348 “PPS”, 224 Prayer Bears as well as 3 Prayer Scarfs, 1 Prayer Cap, several baby hats for newborns and cancer patients in hospital, many many toques to Waterloo’s “Out of the Cold” program, and several designated Prayer Blankets out into Ministry. Thank you to the Congregation and all who have embraced this ministry.

Our Shawls are available either from the Greenway Chapel or from myself at any time you have a need. Please feel most free to take them and put an entry into our little green book. It is a joy, honour and privilege to lead this special and talented group.

Our finances in 2018 - our money comes from donations specifically earmarked “for the Prayer Shawl Ministry” and is used to purchase supplies as they are needed **Balance January 1, 2018 - \$47.42** Several small donations were received over the year and drawn on for yarns and other supplies at different times providing a fluctuating balance. **Balance December 31, 2018 - \$30.60**

W.I. speaker’s honorarium of \$40.00 was given to the Catholic Women’s League as a token of our appreciation for their hospitality during our HSUC renovation period.

Submitted by Lynda Holmes

Worship Report

“Go big or go home!” We did both. On June 10, the UCC anniversary, after our comfortable sojourn at the Legion we brought our family home. The number of persons responsible for making our homecoming possible would be legion. Thank you!

We experienced a great variety of service themes in 2018. Some of these were Ask Kate Anything, Holy Humour, Covenanting, New Members, Communion, Easter Sunrise, Vanneck United, Accessibility, Affirming, Right Relations, Indoor Picnic, Annie Oakleaf, Anniversary and Remembrance Day not to mention summer outdoor services, one at 40 degrees and two indoor due to rain.



Summer music was arranged by *Deb Procter*. *Doug Procter* does the reporting for copyright. *Deb Gill* welcomes us to worship each week. *Marion Larmer* arranges the greeters assisted by *Pat and Ernie Lane*, *Donna Robottom* prepares Communion, *Karen Etherington* finds our scripture readers, *Dennis McIntyre* makes sure we have audio and *Christine Bregman* does visuals. They have an able team that keeps growing. *Elva McIntyre*, Music director, ensures that we have top notch anthems, and our dedicated choir members sing their hearts out every week faithfully. *Paul Seagrave*, *Janice Sinker*, *Blanche Savage* and *Onalee Welch* are alternate keyboard players. *Christine Bregman* and *Chip Styles* help Kate with the power point presentation slides. Several lay leaders have assisted in worship this year, including *Bob Illman*, *Peter Challen*, *Karen Etherington*, *Sarah Kyle*, *Julie Ciufu*, and *Deb Gill*. *Julie Ciufu* welcomes young attendees with Sunday School. *Peter Challen* and Property Management group somehow manage to prepare the variety of seating configurations required and keep smiling. The Huron Shores Café run by *Lynne Desjardine* and team nourish us after service with drinks and treats. We appreciate also the Décor Working group, the lift operators, the offering counters, *Mary McFadden*, *Bob Illman* and *Robert Stewart* for the special things they do. *Susan Daum* edits the audio sermons to be posted on the website.

Some things may be a little different now and then. The anthem or the Lord's Prayer may appear in a different place, the Communion table may be in the middle, your favorite chair may be in another spot, the benches are out in the snow, the choir may just appear or may be in the corner, the antependia may surprise us, new people may appear and stay. Can you handle it? Who knows what our wonderful Kate has up her sleeve!

Submitted by Wilma Harris

Christian Development

We had a busy and interesting year. The family picnic & service which was held in June at the Legion due to rain was well attended and was enjoyed by all. Thanks to the *Love family* for having their property available again this year. A big thanks to my team for all the organizing they did. This coming year, we are again planning to have our picnic & service at the Love's Farm, rain or shine. They have a large shed that will accommodate us if it rains.

Sunday School is progressing well and it is nice to be back in our church. The numbers do fluctuate and the program is teaching with fun. Thank you to *Julie Cuifo* for all the organizing she does for our weekly Sunday School.

Death Café was well attended. We had twice the number of people as last year and everyone enjoyed eating cake, drinking tea and coffee with a lively and informative conversation about Medically Assisted Dying with our guest speakers *Julie Campbell* from South West LHIN care Coordination Service and *Lois Gill* who gave a nurse's perspective. Donations were received.

Angel Tree was well received and many gifts were delivered to the Huron Christmas Bureau. Many thanks to *Ann Russell* for organizing this.

Children's PA Day Kids in the Kitchen in April was well attended at the Church of God who donated the use of their space for us. The program was organized by Kathy Douglas. The children walked over to Sobeys to buy the ingredients for the tacos, salad, veggies, scones and fruit sauce. Then everyone had fun making lunch and of course, eating it. We played some games and went to the playground on Crescent St after clean up. We are planning another Children's PA Day in April 2019. Donations were received.

2018 Report on Adult Education opportunities by Kate Crawford

- **Bible Study** - The Community Bible Study continued to meet weekly through 2018, with the exception of the summer months. The focus is to prepare for Sunday morning worship, by exploring the scriptural text with care. We also make time for cookies and conversation, with lots of laughter, some tears, and a growing sense of belonging to one another. Highlights of our year include the spring visit to London with Kate's former congregation First-St. Andrew's, where the women of the 30-year old bible study group welcomed us to a beautiful meal. We invited them to join us in the fall, when we could return the favour. Rev. Michelle Down led us in communion in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall, to our knowledge, the first sacrament celebrated there.



Christian Development - cont'd

- **Grand Bend Vipassana Meditation Group** - We concluded our second year as weekly meditators and began our third--a truly astonishing accomplishment, as almost all who joined initially were true beginners. We enjoyed monthly visits from our teacher, Karen James-Abra, from The Space Within in Stratford, Ontario. Her travel and time are paid for from a New Ministries Grant from London Conference (\$3000), for which we are very grateful. Her last session with us was in December. Kate also offers weekly leadership. She lead a half-day Silent Retreat in the spring, and a 4-week introduction to meditation course in the fall. New meditators have joined the group as a result. We also received a second grant this year, called Seeds of Hope (\$1000), which we must match with our own funds. As we raise the matching funds, we are furnishing our meditation time with benches, mats, shawls, a singing bowl, and contributing to the shelving expenses in the Fellowship Hall. Through our weekly offering we have contributed over \$350 to the Operating Account in 2018, and raised over \$450 for the matching grant.

- **Ukelele** - The Community Ukelele group started in October of this year, with a bang and a



whole lot of strumming. Approximately 15 folks from Ailsa Craig, Parkhill, Grand Bend, Port Franks and even Bayfield are gathering weekly to have a great time. Our motto is: If you aren't having fun there is something wrong. Almost all were complete beginners at the start, but can now play enough chords

to make it through a good number of songs. We are affiliated with South Ontario Ukelele Players (SOUP) of London, and have enjoyed visits by three of their song leaders. In November, we named ourselves Bluewater-Lambton Ukelele Ensemble (BLUE) although we are not often blue! We have received a grant from the Grand Bend Arts Council for music stands. BLUE has contributed over \$150 to the Operating Account already, and raised over \$250 to hold in reserve. The Steering Committee is made of Rev. Kate, Brenda Love and Pat Lane.

- **Other Adult Education** opportunities are also offered through the Right Relations Working Group (reading group, films, etc) and the Affirming Team (films and community talks).

All members of our Team Bill Green, Julie Ciufu, Dan Gill, Ann Russell, Kate Crawford and Chair Virginia Scott participate fully in this Team to put on events that hope to encourage the people to increase their knowledge in our faith.

Submitted by Virginia Scott

Director of Music

2018 will be remembered as the Year of the Big Move! After practicing at the youth centre and setting up in the Legion for services, we looked forward to being back 'home' in the newly renovated sanctuary.

The Exeter Jazz band played a big part in our return the first Sunday in the new sanctuary. The church was packed and a lot of music performed.



Special music for the summer services was provided by the choir and individual choir members. We also had a piano solo by Anne Spivey. Music groups this year were the 'Gee-Gee's', 'Agri-Tones', Bill Morley and brother, with Jaidyn McFadden wrapping up the season with a beautiful solo.

The fall was a season of 'flexibility'. The sanctuary was arranged into at least 5 main seating plans. We will slowly work through what works and what does not as we move forward. We will also work on instrument and speaker placements as we move forward.

The Holiday Home Tour and the Gala were big adventures this year in which a lot of choir members were involved. Because of this involvement we did not perform a Christmas Cantata this year. We will try for 2019!

A special thank you to Paul Seagrave and Janice Sinker for their piano skills. Also to Anne Spivey for the Sundays she provided piano accompaniment and to David Kai who added guitar to our music occasionally. Also to Andrew Gill for his trumpet participation. And we cannot forget Mariam Vogel's contribution on the drum.

Thank you to David Kai for writing additional anthems that the choir sang and will use again. A BIG thank you to Debbie Procter my 'office assistant'. Our music room is now organized, shelving and cupboards bought and filled, music filed, choir gowns hung...there's no end to what this lady has done!

Thank you to *Carey Eddy* and *Mary McFadden* for their office skills when needed.
Thank you to Dennis the 'sound' guy who makes sure the technical side of things is working.

Thank You Choir Team for another Great Year!

Submitted by Elva McIntyre

Concert Series Team (CST) Report

In 2018, the HSUC Concert Series Team (CST) stepped back from taking an active role in organizing a large musical event. With the return of the congregation to our newly renovated space and many activities already organized, it was decided to wait until the following year (2019) to host another event.

The CST bank account, however, continued to be active, donating \$11,500.00 to Audio/Visual equipment and expenses in 2018. This contribution greatly enhanced the AV capabilities in the Sanctuary/Concert Hall for the enjoyment of everyone.

The CST, as it existed, has been restructured into a new part of the Finance Team and, as such, will endeavour to offer a musical event this year. Stay tuned!!!

Submitted by Carey Eddy
On behalf of the CST

Financial Report – Concert Series Team (CST)

Balance January 01, 2018	\$16,010.92
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Expenses:

Jan. 17/18 - Exeter Times Advocate - Messiah Ad.	50.85
Feb. 23/18 - Drayton – HCP Rental – Messiah Concert	2,038.75
Mar. 27/18 - HSUC Building Fund – AV Expenses	6,200.00
May 31/18 - HSUC Building Fund – AV Equipment	5,300.00
Mar. - Dec./18 Monthly Banking Fees @ 4.95/mo.	49.50

Total Expenses for 2018:	\$13,639.10
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Balance in CST Account Dec. 31/18	\$ 2,371.82
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Submitted by Carey Eddy
On behalf of the CST

Building Executive Team Final Report

2018 was an amazing year of highs and lows for our team. Although the culmination of our project is still in the future, receiving occupancy and returning to our church was the goal we achieved. This required an enormous amount of work fraught with many challenges to attempt to make this deadline. The team very much felt the stress of maintaining a hold on our debt load and yet needing to get back home. We knew that while worshipping at the Legion was great, many in our congregation were getting tired of this temporary space and were missing our church. We also knew that to raise any more funds we really needed to get back home.



So, we pushed hard with many members of our congregation providing sweat equity thereby helping to reduce labour cost. Working morning noon and night we got our space painted, furnished and cleaned for the return in June. What a celebration that was! Walking in with the stains of 'When The Saints Go Marching In', I think lifted our roof. It felt like the space could barely hold the joy.

Since that time, we have not been idle. The BET officially was decommissioned in October. However, the Construction Working Group, that reports to Council is still active. We felt it was important to hold on to a small portion of the original BET to understand the building history and recommend to Council next steps as the funds allow. Just recently we have finished the Main Street entrance and are very much looking forward to achieving occupancy of our downstairs kitchen in the New Year.

Some of this group of audacious dreamers have been working at this plan for over a decade. Beyond members of the BET we had many folks within our congregation worked on side teams, helped with fundraising, and generally maintained optimism. One of the often-quoted phrases was "it is darkest before dawn and yet we can hear the lark sing". Hope and the Holy Spirit certainly had an obvious presence at our table.

The following members of our group who saw us come home were:

Bryan Beattie- Finance- known for his perpetual optimism

Reverend Kate- Minister- known for the 'balcony perspective'

Joyce Duchesne- Treasurer-known for holding the purse strings and accuracy

Dan Gill -Project Manager- known for his patience in the heat of battle

Ron Holmes- Design- known for his calm demeanor and perseverance

Bob Illman- Trustee- known for representing the congregation's perspective

Lee McCutchen- Secretary -known for his amazing attention to detail

Pat Morden -Communications and Fundraising- known for her wisdom

Luke Nagel - Finance -known for his dry wit and attention to detail

Paul Seagrave -Design- known for his dedication and perseverance

And myself...Deb Gill- Chair- known to be the proudest member of the team

Submitted by Deb Gill

Funds Development

In 2018, the responsibility of the Funds Development Team was to raise money to support operational expenses including personnel salaries and benefits, building utilities and maintenance, and grounds maintenance for Huron Shores United Church.

The Legion was the HSUC home away from home during the first six months of 2018 as the renovations were completed to the point of occupancy in June. HSUC doors were reopened to our congregation and the community promoting our new Sanctuary/Concert Hall and Fellowship Hall available for events.

Stewardship/Gratitude Program:

Donor Recognition Display - was erected to acknowledge all those who have given financially to HSUC renovation. The many giving categories on the display recognized each donor at a level that suited their ability to give. The display will be revised as donations are increased or more donors support the renewal project. Sincere gratitude is extended to organizers Peter Challen (Leader), Carey Eddy, Mary McFadden, Luke Nagel, and Debbie Procter.

Stewardship Program - held each Sunday in October informed members of the congregation of ways to financially support the operations of Huron Shores United Church including options such as PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) contributions, offertory envelopes, cash donations, special occasion envelopes, Grocery Card Program, and supporting fundraising events. Benefits to the donors using specific options were also voiced such as annual tax receipts for contributions. October Stewardship month, also provided an opportunity to thank everyone for the generous gifts of talent, time, and treasures they have shared in supporting the renewal program for renovating HSUC as well as their ongoing support of church operations.

Special Offering Envelopes - were distributed to the congregation requesting donations to commemorate Easter- Spring (April), HSUC Anniversary (October), and Christmas (December).

Fall events and community exhibitions held: (Leader of Event)

- September 13th - 30th Encore Paint Ontario Art Exhibition for free will offerings (Christine Bregman)
- September 18th - Jarvis Church and September 25th -Trent Severn - Encore Concerts Series (Christine Bregman) and the Huron Shores Café (Deb Gill)
- November 16th 17, 18th - Holiday Tour of Homes Destination (Myra Harris & Betty Nuttall) and the Huron Shores Café (Deb Gill)
- November 24th - HSUC Premiere Gala celebrated the Grand Opening of our renovated building to raised funds by hosting a luncheon and dinner and very entertaining afternoon and evening concerts. (Mary Alderson)

Promotions donating a portion to HSUC include:

- Grocery Card Program: Purchase of gift cards to buy grocery at a number of retail locations. In 2018, the number of participants and money donated back to HSUC from the retailers has increased markedly. (Deb and Doug Proctor)
 - Westland Greenhouses sale of hanging plants. (Pat Lane)
 - Gallery on Main Street: donated 10% of tax-free sales of art or services by HSUC members. (Victor Alderson)
 - Grand Bend Cards: Special photos greeting cards created by Rev. Kate Crawford
 - David Kai Music CDs: 50% of sales realized donated to HSUC.
 - Limited Edition Owl prints donated by local artist Bill Nieuwland. (Myra Harris)
- Thanks to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy to these events and sales promotions.

Funds Development - cont'd

In September, with the resignation of co-chairs Melodie and Steve Northey, the Council disbanded the Funds Development Team and reassigned the responsibilities to the Finance Team and the Fundraising Event Working Group, under the leadership of Deb Gill, formed to coordinate events.

Throughout the year, notices were put in the bulletin and on Mail Chimp E-mail to keep everyone aware of fund- raising activities on behalf of the church. During December pie charts demonstrated money raised toward the budget and amounts outstanding. The congregation is to be congratulated as they reached deep into their pockets to provide the needed funds to exceed the \$158,650 budget for 2018.

As we move into 2019, the congregation will be kept apprised of HSUC's financial status throughout the year. Responsible budgets are being set for yearly operations and the debt repayment schedule. Some exciting new fundraising events are being planned to raise supplementary funds along with the sales promotions.

The congregation's ongoing financial support of Huron Shores United Church is very much appreciated.

Submitted by Melodie & Steve Northey

Grocery Gift Card Fundraiser

Our Gift Card fundraiser continues to grow each year with 2018 being the best year ever. We sold \$140,395 worth of cards, an increase of about \$22,000 over 2017. These sales raised \$5538.75 with 100% going to our church. In the last 9 years, we have had over \$900,000 in sales, raising over \$35,000. Although each of us placing an order each month makes a relatively small difference, it is easy to see how the cumulative result makes a very significant difference.

In January 2018 we started taking orders on the last Sunday of each month rather than on a 6 week basis. This made it easier for everyone to plan and participate. Because of its success, it will continue in 2019.

The intent of the program is to have as many people as possible purchasing gift cards to use for their own grocery purchases. They can be used in any Sobeys or President's Choice affiliated store. That covers almost any traditional grocery store. They are very handy to use and the church receives up to 5% of the value of the cards purchased because of they are ordered in bulk (usually over \$5000 from each local store). We, as card purchasers, also benefit by receiving an income tax receipt for our portion. As a result, you are essentially receiving a tax credit from the government of up to 2% for purchasing your groceries this way. (The President's Choice percentage is usually less than Sobeys.) We encourage everyone to be involved in this program as the greater our sales, the higher the rate of return. You benefit and the church benefits. Please contact us for more details or pick up an info sheet and order form from the rack at the back of the sanctuary.



Submitted by, Doug and Debbie Proct

Property Management Team

The management of the building and property are the responsibility of this Team. When the Congregation moved from the Legion, this Team organized the work crews to clean the church, to empty the big, blue container, to transfer some belongings to and from the Eagleson farm, to set up the lined parking lot in conjunction with the Accessibility Team, to co-ordinate with other Teams for their use of the building and property, and even to form a plan of entry when the electricity goes out and the automatic doors don't work. This Team oversaw the initial erection of the temporary Donor Recognition Display until the display was transferred to the Finance Team. After some months, it became apparent that the responsibilities could be undertaken by working groups. Six were chosen. A Chair either volunteered or was appointed for each working group and volunteers joined each. All working groups report to the Council through the Property Management Team. Their reports are below. Because of the size of this Team, it was decided in December that there should be two Co-Chairs of Property Management.

Submitted by, Peter Challen and Debbie Procter - Co-chairs

Décor WG

The Décor Working Group was formed to develop and enhance many areas of the church, including the Sanctuary, The Greenway Chapel, the Fellowship Hall, the Queens Ave. and Main St. entrances, as well as creating temporary storage space wherever possible. This group also spends a great deal of time using their varied, creative talents to enhance the worship space by creating seasonal decorations when needed. During 2018, the DWG has faced the challenges of honouring the past, when the building renovations often called for new and creative ideas to enhance our newly renovated space. We have worked very hard to be sensitive to the needs of all as we do this important work. Many projects have been completed at this point, but others are still a work in progress. At this point, the highlights of this group's accomplishments include: examination, evaluation, and storage or disposal of church artifacts, painting of the Fellowship Hall and lower hallway, installation of donated coat racks and coat hooks, numerous chair formations in the Sanctuary, placement of and assignments of temporary storage cabinets in the Fellowship Hall, Greenway Chapel set-up, installation of Jim Love's clocks, installation of bulletin boards. The Décor Working Group played a major role in decorating for the Holiday Home Tour. Many hours were spent on this amazing project which had stellar results. This group was also instrumental in the set-up for the Première Gala, contributing assistance in decorating and management of this event.



As Chair of the DWG, I would like to express my appreciation to all of the group members. Everyone in this working group has valuable and thoughtful input into decisions that are made. Your dedication and work ethic have made this group very successful.

Members: Janice Sinker, Peter Challen, Trish Challen, Lois Gill, Mary McFadden, Ava Nagle, Debbie Procter, Onalee Welch

Submitted by Janice Sinker - Chair

Property Management Team - cont'd

Facility Usage WG

The role of the Booking Co-ordinator for Facility Usage is to communicate with community groups wishing to use space and services within Huron Shores United Church. Groups within our church are to contact the Office Administrator to book space. Facility Usage Guidelines (FUG) were composed by a Working Group of the Trustees; they were presented and approved by the Trustees. They were then presented to the Council and were also approved. They have been reviewed by our insurer, Robertson Hall and are compliant. They are a living document and are being refined as we gain experience in our facility. A short version of the Guidelines and the Inquiry forms with pictures of our spaces are on the website under the “Book our Facility” tab. There is an email address hsucbooking@gmail.com to contact the Booking Co-ordinator. Also on the website is a tab “Calendar” which lists all space booked for church or community groups and is on a “first come first served” bases. Before booking any space, please refer to the calendar to make sure the space, date and time are available. Please make sure you give complete information to the Booking Co-ordinator (community) or the Office Administrator (church) the space required, date(s) and time(s).

We have been active since opening our doors with several community groups in a variety of activities and it is wonderful to see our vision of so many years ago finally happening. There is and will be a learning curve as we use our facility for community groups and our own fundraising events, lots to learn and to be aware. We are currently looking at the Concert Hall and its use for outside groups coming in and providing a variety of entertainment. We must be aware of businesses and service groups in town that currently provide live entertainment and other fundraising functions. We want to compliment these functions and not try to compete. We are looking for volunteers to assist working with the community groups.

Submitted by Bob Illman - Booking Coordinator

Kitchen WG

An official letter was received from the Lambton Shores Fire Chief stating that we do not need a fire suppression system in our main kitchen as we will not be deep fat frying. We obtained three kitchen quotes which were submitted as part of a \$75,000 United Church Community Wellness grant application to the United Church of Canada; HSUC is the recipient of this grant, part of which will support the equipping of our main kitchen. Almost \$14,000 was generously donated to the 2018 Anniversary Fund to go towards gaining occupancy of the main kitchen. We recommended that a new 14-cubic foot upright freezer be purchased to replace the inoperable, chest freezer and that it be paid for from the anniversary funds. We received a china donation for the Servedy from the Lake Smith Conservation Area. We took an Inventory of current kitchen prep equipment and then compiled a wish list of required items. An online kitchen registry list was circulated to the congregation and on the HSUC website. The Kitchen Shower was enthusiastically received with the majority of the registry list items being purchased. A construction plan to gain occupancy of the Main Kitchen has been formulated with the Construction Team. Construction is to start in January 2019. We will then be able to fine tune the kitchen plan once we are able to enter the kitchen to measure.

Members: Marla Nicholls, Victor Alderson, Peter Challen, Trish Challen, Joan Eagleson, Bill Green, Derek Scott, Erryn Shephard

Submitted by, Marla Nicholls - Chair

Property Management Team - cont'd

Moving Working Group

These willing hands move furniture, principally in the sanctuary, but are available upon request to move furniture for the many groups who use our church.

Members: Larry Taylor, Chris Barry, John Scott, Bob Fuller, Gerald Douglas, Alie Giethoorn, Harry Giethoorn

Submitted by Larry Taylor - Chair

Operations Working Group

This group supervises the ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the building. We also monitor the very sophisticated operating systems for heating, cooling, ventilation, and plumbing. Sometimes these systems require a simple adjustment; sometimes a repair person is required. We determine who and when to call for help.

Members: Bob Stewart, Chris Barry, John Scott



Submitted by Bob Stewart - Chair

Outside Working Group



Originally set up to look after summer gardens, this group has grown to include outside winter maintenance, and some inside gardening. Gardens were tended, and watered, and really looked splendid despite the summer drought. New shrubs were added. Containers were filled with donated seasonal plants. The front picket fence was removed first temporarily and then permanently. The Garden Shed was cleaned out. New sod, installed by the Construction Team, was successfully integrated into the front lawn. Fall pruning will mean shrubs are ready for next season. Poinsettias were tended within the building over the Christmas season. The parking lot snow removal is the most recent coordinated effort.

Members: Penny DeYoung, Helen Desjardine, Lynne Desjardine, John DeYoung, Ron Holmes

Submitted by Penny DeYoung - Chair

Accessibility



The Accessibility Team met several times in the year to address accessibility issues and make recommendations to Council. The team's terms of reference continue to guide their work with special consideration given to **ensuring that everyone can worship and serve with dignity and autonomy.**

Team members include: Christine Bregman (chair), Rev. Dr. Kate Crawford, Wilma Harris, Blanche Savage, Linda Smith and Marian Ogilvie.

The team attended the *Creatively Creating Accessible Worship Spaces* webinar workshop presented by United in Learning. The webinar presented a Brief Accessibility

Checklist, which included an assessment of barriers of attitude, barriers of communication, and architectural or structural barriers.

On May 27th, the team conducted an Accessibility worship service. The service featured prayers, readings and hymns with an accessibility theme. The message was given by the author of *Vulnerable Communion*, Tom Reynolds. Tom spoke on the theology of disability and hospitality.

Much team activity took place when the congregation moved back into the church in June. The team assisted with assigning accessible parking spaces, and developing chair placement configurations that met accessible aisle widths. The team also operated the new lift for several months to ensure those with mobility needs could access the sanctuary.

With the help of the Construction Working Group, a Moving Forward accessibility parking stencil was purchased and used to mark two permit-required accessible parking spaces.

Submitted by Christine Bregman

Mission and Outreach

Adopt the Beach – Lee McCutcheon (organizer). Monday, July 2, following Canada day; Tuesday August 7, following Civic Holiday; Tuesday September 4, following Labour Day



Environmental – Pat Morden (enthusiast). Creation Time in September with “Annie Oakleaf”. Council voted to discourage use of single use cups, dishes, and toxic plastics at HSUC. Honoured Earth Day and Earth Hour through bulletin, Chipmail and website

Food Bank – Jean Isaac and Bill Welch. Monies sent to the Zurich and Ailsa Craig food banks to end of November 2018, \$3,064 plus food donations

Free Store – Lynda Holmes (organizer). Fall Free Store - October 12 and 13. \$540, split evenly between M&S and the building fund. Joanne Barry and Ruth Ann Eagleson are the new leaders, supported by Lynda Holmes

Mission and Outreach - cont'd



Huron Shores Sews For Children

– Loretta Whitfield (organizer). Tuesday mornings sewing group at HSUC. 48 dresses to Haiti in October. Began collecting shorts for young boys. Rosalind MacDonald to be contact person when resumed in 2019.

Local Outreach - Peter Challen (leader). Second black collection box is installed at the HSUC

parking lot. Raised \$5,792.74 this summer. Cheques delivered to: Grand Bend Area Community Health Center “We Can Help”; Grand Bend Public School; Hillside Elementary school Kettle and Stoney Point; Zurich Food Bank; Ailsa Craig Food Bank; Camp Menesetung for Grand Bend participants. Third donation box to be ordered and installed in the spring, cemented in place

Mission and Service - Marian Ogilvie (Enthusiast). Monthly readings for congregation. Marian to organize members of the congregation to take turns doing the readings each month. Contribution to end of November 2018 – \$14,228.64

Right Relations - Presented the film Nigaanibatowaad (Front Runners), attended by congregation and community members. Presented a mini-workshop to Council about acknowledgement of indigenous territory. Participated in a United Church of Canada webinar concerning congregations’ responses to the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Guest, Geraldine Robertson, a member of the Order of Ontario, attended worship service June 21. Service for Indigenous day, June 21. Attended joint Lambton Shores/Kettle & Stony Point First Nation trade show. Attended program by Kehewin Native Dance Theatre. Attended film showings/ discussion: *Kayak to Klemtu*; *Our People will be Healed*; *Indian Horse*. Participated in painting workshop at KSP Elders Lodge. Attended play developed by Wiiwkedong Arts Collective, *The Seven Grandfathers*. Hosted book discussions for:

- *Indian Horse* by Richard Wagamese
- *The Reason You Walk* by Wab Kinew,
- *Embers* by Richard Wagamese
- *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga

Attended “Coffee Break” gatherings at Kettle and Stony Point Elders Lodge. Attended an Elders’ Storytelling Circle at Kettle and Stony Point First Nation. Attended a workshop on the use of plant medicines, presented by an Elder at Kettle Point
- Welcomed Robert Kennedy of Grand Bend Rotary Club.

- ***Thank you to Lynn Desjardine who is willing to take leadership of the M&O team in 2019.***
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- Submitted by Loretta Whitfield

Huron Shores United Church
Contribution Range Report
For Period: 01/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

Contribution Range	# of Contributors	Total Given	Average per Contributor
0 -	0	1	0.00
0.01 -	100	66	3,665.94
100.01 -	200	19	3,158.85
200.01 -	300	15	3,779.40
300.01 -	400	8	2,769.91
400.01 -	500	8	3,785.00
500.01 -	750	22	13,728.59
750.01 -	1,000	7	6,293.06
1,000.01 -	1,500	25	30,456.16
1,500.01 -	2,500	23	45,245.68
2,500.01 -	5,000	22	76,894.82
5,000.01 -	10,000	8	53,215.15
10,000.01 -	15,000	4	48,481.98
15,000.01 -	20,000	0	0.00
20,000.01 -	25,000	0	0.00
25,000.01 -	30,000	0	0.00
30,000.01 -	40,000	1	35,782.19
40,000.01 - 999,999.999		1	41,021.42
Total	230	\$368,278.15	\$1,601.21

The 230 contributors are divided into the following groups:

Envelope Holders: 83
PAR: 50
Adherents &
Supporters: 53
Sponsors &
Visitors: 44

As the Envelope & PAR Coordinator, it is my responsibility to receive all donations information to the church, deposit donations received apart from the weekly church collection, organize the donations into the appropriate category, enter the donations into the computer on a weekly basis and issue tax receipts at the end of the year. If you are interested in Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) or have questions about your tax receipt, please contact me in person or at: 519-238-8566, or careddy@hsv.net

Submitted by: Carey Eddy
Envelope & PAR Coordinator

Trustees

What a year was 2018!

Your Trustees were an active group to get into our space and transitioning.

Special thanks to the current group of Trustees; Norm Harris, Bob Illman (Chair), Doug Kyle (Secretary), Rosalind MacDonald, Glen Miller, John Scott, Larry Taylor and our “Pastoral Angel” Kate Crawford.

We acted on behalf of our Council to gain Huron Perth Presbytery’s approval to continue the final phase of our build and secure required loans.

We presented to your Council two documents for approval, the Facility Usage Guidelines (FUG) and a request to establish a Legacy Fund.

FUG is very much a living document as we feel our way in our new space. We are pleased with the response from the community with a variety of groups finding a home in our facility.

The Legacy Fund is an opportunity for members of our church and community to donate long term monies and gain taxable benefits and ensure financial stability of HSUC. We are continuing to complete an Operational Plan for the Legacy Fund.

Our Emergency Action Plan is in place throughout the building with instructions to deal with both medical emergencies and evacuations. We have had a training session and can look forward to an evacuation test in the warmer months. The Grand Bend Fire Department has donated a new Defibrillator and there are plans to purchase an evacuation chair for those that are accessibility challenged. All of these precautions marry up with our new building’s alarm, exiting signage and emergency lighting systems.

Other tasks completed were the estimation of our new building’s replacement value and an inventory of contents and furnishings to evaluate the appropriate insurance coverage. A keying schedule for all doors in the church has been completed. The holders of keys are documented in the schedule and also included in the schedule is the padlock code and key for the outdoor storage shed.

Lastly the “ever vigilant eye” on risk and its management.

Proposed Trustees for 2019 will remain the same individuals, we had so much fun.

We thank our congregation for your support.

**TRUSTEES OF HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31 2018**

INCOME

DONATIONS		
HST REBATE		
INVESTMENT INTEREST		
INVESTMENT REDEMPTION		
TOTAL INCOME		<u>0.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

BANK CHARGES		156.40
EXPENDITURES		572.29
Closing Account	Transfer to HSUC	4207.02
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>4935.71</u>

OPERATING SURPLUS / DEFICIT -4935.71

TRUSTEES ACCOUNT

OPENING BALANCE	JANUARY 1 2018	4935.71
SURPLUS / DEFICIT		<u>-4935.71</u>
CLOSING BALANCE	DECEMBER 31 2018	<u>0.00</u>

INVESTMENTS	<u>0.00</u>
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Nominating Working Group Report

The Nominating Working Group has worked throughout 2018, filling Council positions as they became available.

Elected during 2018 by Council:

Christine Bregman – Minute Secretary		2018
Loretta Whitfield – Chair of Mission and Outreach	2018	
Janice Sinker – Presbytery representative	2018	

Continuing in office for 2019:

Ruth Ann Eagleson – Presbytery Delegate	2015	
Ken Eagleson – Presbytery Delegate	2015	
Wilma Harris – Chair of Worship		2015
Bob Illman – Chair of the Board of Trustees	2015	
Marilyn Beattie – Alternate Presbytery Delegate		2016
Virginia Scott – Chair of Christian Development		2017
Charles MacDonald – Chair of Ministry and Personnel		2017
Christine Bregman – Chair of Accessibility	2017	
Peter Challen – Chair of Property Management		2018

To be elected for the first time in 2019:

Lynne Desjardine – Chair of Mission and Outreach	2019	
Janice Sinker – Chair of Council		2019

Seeking Nominations

Affirming Team Chair
Fun and Fellowship Team Chair

To be thanked for their contribution:

Pat Lane – Co-Minute Secretary
Lee McCutcheon - Co-Minute Secretary
Luke Nagel – Co-Chair of Finance
Deb Gill – Chair of the Building Executive Team
Steve Northey – Co-Chair of Funds Development
Melodie Northey – Co-Chair of Funds Development
Blanche Savage – Chair of Affirming
Loretta Whitfield – Chair of Mission and Outreach
Deb Gill – Chair of Council

Working Groups of Council

Nominations
Fund Raising
Construction

Respectfully submitted, Marilyn Beattie, Loretta Whitfield and Kate Crawford

**HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2018 AND BUDGET FOR 2019**

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	2019 BUDGET
OPERATIONS			
RECEIPTS			
LOCAL- ENVELOPES AND PAR	128,000	136,690	137,000
LOOSE - NET OF M&S 5%	6,000	4,361	4,000
SPECIAL ENVELOPES	4,000	8,171	6,000
CROCERY CARD INCOME	5,000	5,539	5,000
GRANTS			15,000
FUNDRAISING EVENTS	19,948	15,902	23,500
USAGE FEES & MISC	<u>1,650</u>	<u>4,514</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>164,598</u>	<u>175,177</u>	<u>192,500</u>
COST RECOVERY		<u>9,810</u>	<u>39,160</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>184,987</u>	<u>231,660</u>
EXPENDITURES			
PERSONNEL	119,098	118,194	134,075
TRAVEL/EDUCATION	4,700	4,665	4,700
OFFICE	8,900	7,542	11,900
ASSESSMENTS & TRAVEL	7,350	7,262	7,725
TEAMS			
FUNDRAISING	5,000	12,669	10,000
WORSHIP	3,550	2,329	3,100
CHRISTIAN ED	2,000	1,181	2,000
FELLOWSHIP	450	428	450
RIGHT RELATIONS	150	117	650
PRAYER SHAWLS			150
AFFIRMING	350	163	300
ACCESSIBILITY	250	227	250
BLDG - UTILITIES/INS/R&M	<u>12,800</u>	<u>16,096</u>	<u>17,200</u>
TOTAL EXPENDTIURES	<u>164,598</u>	<u>170,873</u>	<u>192,500</u>
EXCESS INCOME -OPERATING	<u>-</u>	<u>14,114</u>	<u>39,160</u>
DEBT EXPENDITURES			
DEBENTURE PAYMENTS		12,434	19,000
MORTGAGE PAYMENTS		<u>1,680</u>	<u>20,160</u>
		<u>14,114</u>	<u>39,160</u>
TOTAL OPERATIONS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

	2019 BUDGET
BUILDING & DEBT RETIREMENT FUNDRAISING	
RECEIPTS	
CONTRIBUTIONS (WEEKLY)	26,000
DONATIONS / PLEDGES (ONE TIME)	33,000
GRANTS	12,000
HST REBATE	14,660
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>85,660</u>
COSTS	
BUILDING COMPLETION	10,000
KITCHEN	20,000
PARKING PLANTER	4,000
COST RECOVERY TO OPERATING	39,160
DEBENTURE PRINCIPAL ACCRUAL	12,500
TOTAL COSTS	<u>85,660</u>

HURON SHORES UNITED CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2018
 WITH COMPARATIVE AMOUNTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2,018	2017
Assets		
Bank	85,452	83,689
Prepays and accounts rec	<u>14,222</u>	<u>1,213</u>
Total Assets	<u>99,674</u>	<u>84,902</u>
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accruals	13,328	5,895
Owing on Other Funds	<u>57,426</u>	<u>50,087</u>
	70,754	55,982
Congregational Surplus (Equity)	<u>28,920</u>	<u>28,920</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus	<u>99,674</u>	<u>84,902</u>
Balance in Funds		
Bldg	15,870	50,087
Kitchen	13,310	
Kitchen Shower	1,327	
Food Bank	1,305	
Local Outreach	614	
Community Wellness	<u>25,000</u>	
	<u>57,426</u>	

Thank You

For Your Financial Support in 2018

Operations	<i>Because of you,</i> over \$169,750 was realized through weekly contributions of cash, assigned offering envelopes, PAR, special envelope donations, grocery gift cards, fundraising events and promotions, for the Operations to pay for Personnel, Property Management, Worship Services, Regional Representation & Denominational Assessments.
Volunteers And Programs	<i>Because of you,</i> teams of volunteers provide programs for Accessibility, Affirming, Christian Development, Fun & Fellowship, and Mission & Outreach. Projects such as the Beach Clean-up, Free Store, local Food Bank contributions, Prayer Shawls, Community Bible Study, Ukulele Choir, and Meditation Group benefit our congregation and our community. HSUC volunteers sew children's dresses to send to Africa and Haiti, visit the sick and shut-ins as well as support local children in need.
The M & S Fund	<i>Because of you,</i> over \$15,500 was contributed to The Mission and Service Fund of The United Church of Canada supporting many missions in Canadian and around the world.
Fund-raising Events	<i>Because of you,</i> attending HSUC and community fundraising events benefiting HSUC as well as purchasing Grocery Gift Cards and other sales promotions, much needed contributions were made to operations and building completion costs such as the kitchen.
Building and Debt Retirement	<i>Because of you</i> over \$937,000 has been contributed by individuals and local organizations to the 4-year Building Renewal Project of HSUC. Your continued support will go towards the debt retirement of \$40,000 annually.
Looking Ahead and Legacy Gifts	<i>Because of you,</i> and your long-term vision in planning legacy gifts such as cash donations, bequests of insurance policies, investments, and committing your future financial support to Huron Shores United Church you will enable the completion of the building projects, and insure the continuation of spiritual services and community outreach programs to Grand Bend and area.

Your ongoing financial support is greatly appreciated!



IN MEMORIAM

Sandra Green

Janice Baker

Marie Hartry

Bill Baird

Special Memoriam

The Reverend Robert Putman

*passing away is noted, with appreciation
for his ministry with us from 1995-2000*

